

**Minutes from the Regular Meeting Center City Council  
March 7th, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Behnke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Behnke announced that meetings will now be video recorded today and going forward.

**Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Jill Behnke, Council: Mark Wolcott, Ryan Pease, Garrett Boulineau

**Not Present:** Council: Lloyd Vetter

**Others Present:** City Clerk Dana Miron, Treasurer Tom Zine, Public Works Supervisor Eric Garner, City Attorney Ted Alliegro, Chisago County Press Denise Martin, Daniel Twohy

**Consent Agenda:** March Agenda, Minutes Regular Council February, February Claims. Motion by Pease and seconded by Boulineau to approve the consent agenda Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried

**OPEN FORUM:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Old Jail Demolition:** Mayor Behnke stated that she has spoken with Chisago County Administrator Chase Burnham. The County will obtain all necessary permits and they plan to proceed this spring.
2. **AT&T:** PW Garner stated that AT&T has agreed to pay Bolton & Menk estimated costs as well as additional costs incurred by the City.
3. **Hursh Iron Works:** Attorney Ted Alliegro stated that he has sent a formal complaint and is waiting for a reply. He also states that it will likely be a slow litigation.
4. **Rezoning of Annexation:** Mayor Behnke stated that Planning Commission had discussed at the meeting on February 27, 2023 and recommends Council approval with certificate of taxes paid as stated in Ordinance #2023-03-07. Motion by Pease and seconded by Wolcott to approve. Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Fire Department:**

**A: Grumpy Minnow/Hodge Lodge:** FD Gambling Manager Dan Twohy stated that he has an application for a charitable gambling permit to be used for pull tabs, bar bingo or raffles to submit to State upon Council approval. Motion to approve by Wolcott and seconded by Pease. Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried

**B: Hazelden:** Council Wolcott stated that the fire contract has been signed/renewed for 2023

**C: FD Audit:** Complete and on file

**D: Fire truck:** Treasurer Tom Zine stated that there is an offer of \$8000 for the old tanker that has been listed for sale. Motion to proceed with the sale by Wolcott and seconded by Pease. Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried

**2. Public Works:**

**A: Fishing Pier:** PW Garner stated that he has been contacted by the DNR. The DNR would like to replace the old pier with a new one this June. No plan as of yet for the old pier.

**B: Lift Station Survey:** PW Garner presented a \$3000 estimate from Bolton and Menk for surveying the lift station property on 318<sup>th</sup> Street. This would include the legal description and property pin, also easement for the Nelson Court/318<sup>th</sup> lift station. Discussion started by Council Wolcott; he suggested previous documentation on this site be requested from Widseth and that an additional estimate from Widseth be obtained.

**C: Dept of Health Survey:** PW Garner states that this is an FYI on water samples taken

**D: Settlement Payment:** PW Garner states that City has received the settlement for storm damage on May 9, 2022

**E: Paving:** PW Garner presented quotes for paving portions of Moody Ave, and Center Ave. Motion to accept the bid from Bluhm Construction by Wolcott and seconded by Boulineau. Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried

**3. Clerk/Treasurer:**

**A: RESO #2023-03-07-R** to make updates to the \$5000 Certificate of Deposit. Motioned by Wolcott and seconded by Pease to approve resolution with addition of Mayor Behnke as a Signer.

Wolcott-Aye, Pease-Aye, Boulineau-Aye, Behnke-Aye, Vetter-absent. Motion carried

**B: Conference:** City Clerk requested permission for lodging expenses for MCFOA Conference. Motion to approve by Pease and seconded by Boulineau. Motion carried.

**C: Public Notice for Board of Appeals:** City Clerk stated that notice has been posted and published as required and will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

**D: Office Cash:** Treasurer Zine requested a \$100 Change fund for the office strictly to make change for residents that are making payment with cash and do not have the exact amount required. Motioned to approve by Boulineau and seconded by Wolcott Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried

**4. Personnel:** Mayor Behnke and Council Pease met and made revisions for the Personnel Policy. Recommended changes will be forwarded to the Policy and Ordinance Committee

**5. Planning Commission:** Meeting took place February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chris Dubose was added as a member. The Old Jail Demo was discussed.

**6. Zoning and Wellhead Protection:** Nothing at this time

**7. Ordinance:** Meeting is planned for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**8. Budget Committee:** Nothing at this time

**9. HPC:** Nothing at this time

**10. Parks:** Meeting was canceled. National Parks will be meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to review design and move forward. Meetings are scheduled every 2 weeks

**11. Library:** Nothing at this time

**12. Sewer Board:** Nothing at this time

**13. Highway 8 Task Force:** Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**14. EDA:** Nothing at this time

**15. Visitor's Bureau:** Nothing at this time

**16. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon:** Meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**MOTION by Pease and seconded by Wolcott to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Attest

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City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor