

**Minutes from the Regular Meeting Center City Council
June 6th, 2023**

Mayor Behnke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Council Members Present: Mayor Jill Behnke, Council Members: Mark Wolcott, Lloyd Vetter, Garrett Boulineau

Not Present: Council Member Ryan Pease

Others Present: City Clerk Dana Miron, Public Works Supervisor Eric Garner, City Attorney Ted Alliegro, Chisago County Press Denise Martin, City Engineer Marcus Johnson, Scott Anderson, Luke Anderson, Mark Baumann, Barry Moe

Consent Agenda: June Agenda, Minutes Regular Council May, Minutes Special Meeting 5/16/2023, Minutes Special Meeting 5/23/2023, May Claims. Motion by Wolcott and seconded by Boulineau to approve the consent agenda Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Old Jail Demo:** Attorney Ted Alliegro stated that they are currently taking bids. PW Garner stated that he has been contacted with water and sewer questions.
2. **AT&T:** PW Garner stated that a concrete slab has been installed where the generator will be placed.
3. **Hursh Iron Works:** Attorney Ted Alliegro stated that scheduling is underway between all parties.
4. **Docks:** Mayor Behnke and PW Erick Garner stated that the new second hand floating dock was placed in the water May 23rd. Most of the donations pledged have come in and the citizen buyer of the dock will soon be reimbursed. Any additional funds donated will be held and dedicated for use directly for and only for the dock.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chisago County Senior Center Contract:** Council discussed the contract and stated that residents have participated in the services available. The City has contracted with them in the past. Motion by Wolcott and seconded by Vetter to approve the signing of the contract and \$200 fee. Ayes-4 Nays-0 Motion carried.
2. **Snowplow Billing:** Council discussed the snowplow billing for 509 Crescent Road; due to the location of the fire hydrant and lack of area to be maintained as well as conversations that took place last fall. Motion by Wolcott and seconded by Vetter to approve \$50 per plowing as per oral agreement prior to season with the property owner. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Fire Department:

A: Firetruck: Clerk Miron stated that the 1991 tanker truck has been paid for in full and has been picked up by the buyer.

B: Controlled Burn Damage: Barry Moe stated that his business awnings on Summit Avenue were damaged during the controlled burn of the “Moody” house on Center Avenue conducted by the fire department. He presented with 2 invoices; one for cleaning/boom truck at \$1000 and one for repair of the awnings at \$3530. Attorney Ted Alliegro suggested that these be turned in to LMC Insurance. Mayor Behnke directed Clerk Miron to contact the insurance company and file a claim.

2. Public Works:

A: Minnesota Rural Water: FYI Notification: PW Garner discussed with council the MRW notice about the Kidde Fenwal Bankruptcy and possible PFAS contamination. Garner stated that many cities that have tested are well below contamination limits. Garner asked Council if they want to test at this time. Council decided to postpone the subject for a later date and do some research on the testing.

B: Street Lights: PW Garner stated that the Street lights are being replaced. Some anchor bolts are deteriorated beyond use, he is looking into alternatives to fix the bases.

C: Paving: Bluhm Construction paved the portions of road that were previously approved. Motion by Behnke and seconded by Vetter to approve payment of the invoice. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

D: Water Meters: Additional water meters were ordered and have arrived. One commercial meter was ordered for Grand Shores (aka Nordic Harbor) and will be billed out to them. PW Garner continues to replace resident meters and radio heads.

3. Clerk/Treasurer:

A: Water Meter/Accounts: Clerk Miron stated that the account at 204 North Main Street has been paid after adjustments were made approved by Council. Water meter and radio head have been installed and water turned back on at the curb. Water at 329 Summit was questioned and will be reviewed after the next reading at the end of June. That account is paid in full.

4. Personnel:

A: Employee Review: Mayor Behnke stated that a review was done for Clerk Miron. Motion by Wolcott and seconded by Vetter to remove her from probation/training status since 6-month period and performance review has been completed. Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Motion carried.

B: Minnesota Department of Labor: Mayor Behnke informed Council that Minnesota has signed a bill to add sick and safe time to employees working 80 hours or more per year. The personnel policy will need to be updated by end of year as this takes affect 1/1/2024.

5. Planning Commission: Nothing at this time

6. Wellhead Protection: Nothing at this time

7. Ordinance Committee: Meeting is set up for 6/28/2023 at 9 am.

8. Budget Committee: Council Wolcott said that there is an Audit meeting set up for 6/13/2023 at 2 pm.

9. HPC: Mayor Behnke stated that they met and discussed the Summit Avenue books from last year. Mary Grimm has offered to type up the information collected. They will plan to meet again either late June or early July.

10. Parks: Mayor Behnke stated that they met and discussed the park funds and will be discussing future plans at the next meeting.

11. Library: Nothing at this time

12. Sewer Board: Council Vetter discussed the plant and proposals to update the compost road, status of replacing diffusers, and the gate repairs. He spoke about high usage of sewer levels in the area this spring, likely due to the snow melt and lack of frost in the ground this winter. Council Vetter said there is a committee that is proposing that disc golf be set up on unused portions of the land owned. Other considered options would be snowshoeing or hiking on the property.

13. Highway 8 Task Force: Meeting later this month

14. EDA: Met prior to Council meeting. Moody building is getting new brick and windows on the face of the building. Signage available on the city sign board by Marine Dock and Lift.

15. Visitor's Bureau: Nothing at this time

16. Beyond the Yellow Ribbon: Will be meeting on 6/21/2023

MOTION by Wolcott and seconded by Boulineau to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Attest

City Clerk

Mayor