



MINUTES
May 5, 2020 / 6:00 pm
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- **CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 PM
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL:** Martell, Bissen, Oldenburg, Pfiffner. Walsh arrived at 6:04 PM
- **ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA:** Add 8.4 Mail Balloting, Make a change to Payable to Pischke Motors: should be for First Responder Truck and not Dump Truck

1. Consent Agenda with changes: Motion made by Martell. Second by Oldenburg. Aye: Martell, Bissen, Oldenburg, Pfiffner. Absent: Walsh.

All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

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Minutes:

Apr 7, 2020

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Bills Payable Through:

Apr 30, 2020

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Consolidated Balance Sheet

Apr 30, 2020

2. **Water/Waste Water/City Engineer Report:** Matt Vetsch noted that Davy Engineering is continuing to work on the Water Study. Vetsch also noted that they have been working on jetting sewer lines.
3. **Library/City Hall/City Center Report:** Pfiffner would like to reach out to the Library Director for possible activities in the Park as alternative Summer Activities.
4. **Police Dept./City Attorney Report:** Chief Schuldts noted a complaint of stray cats in town. He is working with Animal Control but needs a place to set the live traps. Schuldts also updated the Council on the status of the speed limit decrease along Highway 16. He still has not received an update. The Council discussed their frustrations and the need to put pressure on MNDOT.
5. **Streets / Maintenance Report:** Vetsch received a quote from Scotts Construction for Seal Coating. City Hall, Parking Lot across from the library \$640, Bench Lane double chip seal \$6,570, Park Path \$2,750, 5th Street \$6,770, 6th Street \$9,165, Brooklyn Lane \$650. Total would be \$26,545. Budget for 2020 is \$20,000 so Vetsch recommended not moving forward with 5th Street to bring the total cost under \$20,000. Motion to move forward with City Hall Parking Lot, Bench Lane, Park Path, 6th Street and Brooklyn Lane made by Martell. Second by Pfiffner. Unanimous. Vetsch also updated the Council on the Dump Truck repairs. The truck is running, and they replaced the hose. We have not yet received the bill from La Crosse Truck Center. Vetsch also discussed hiring help for mowing. The Council had a discussion about hiring help as needed.
6. **Recreation Board Report:** The Council reviewed minutes from the Rec Board Meeting. The Council agreed not to move forward with working at the Pool or the Ballpark until we are certain on a plan for Summer Rec.
7. **Planning Commission / Zoning Report:** Zoning Application 2020-02- Motion to approve both Zoning Applications for a garage addition at 410 6th Street with the requirement that all setbacks are met made by Martell. Second by Pfiffner. Unanimous.
8. **New Business:**
 - 8.1 2020/21 Insurance Policy Renewal: Clerk Lindsey presented the Policy Renewal for 2020/2021. Motion to approve Policy made by Martell. Second by Oldenburg. Unanimous.
 - 8.2 Free Range Exchange Liquor License Application: Motion to approve Free Range Exchange On Sale, Off Sale, and Sunday Sale Liquor License made by Martell. Second by Oldenburg. Unanimous.
 - 8.3 MDH 2020 Community Public Water System Fluoridation Equipment Competitive Grant: Matt Vetsch discussed a grant application that was submitted to MDH for a Fluoridation Grant. As he has been working through the Water Study, Davy is recommending that we update the water system fluoridation equipment. The cost of the upgrades would be \$2,900 with a cost share with the City of 20%. MDH would award the City \$2,320 and the City's portion would be \$580. Motion to approve the grant made by Martell. Second by Oldenburg. Unanimous.

- 8.4 Mail Balloting: Clerk Lindsey discussed the option to select mail balloting for the 2020 Primary and General Election. This would mean the polls would be closed and all registered voters would mail ballots. The Council had a discussion and a Motion was made to move forward with open polls for the Primary and General Elections made by Pfiffner. Second by Martell. Unanimous.

9. **Old Business:**

- 9.1 MN Basic Code: No update.
9.2 Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency Report: Still in process.
9.3 MN DOT Proposed Snow Removal Agreement. No update.
9.4 Highway 16 Speed Limit Reduction:
9.5 GIS Mapping: The Council had discussion about the Cartegraph and Graef software programs. The Council requested that the staff work with Cartegraph to negotiate pricing for the next 3-5 years.
9.10 City Center Doors: Doors have been ordered.

10. **Council Member's Comments/Community Input:**

Bissen: Discussed work needing to be completed at Como Falls and also informed the Council that he has been working on a trail behind the Von Arx's.

11. Mayor's Comments: Meet the Mayor – April 15. Mayor Walsh was approached by someone asking about the boat landing and if the City would be doing anything about the wash out. The landing is owned by the County. The Mayor was also approached with a complaint of the large machinery at a Residence on Main Street. Walsh also received a complaint about the new security cameras shining on certain businesses along Main Street. The Mayor discussed the view is not directly pointed at a Business but shows the street view.

12. **Staff Correspondence:**

13. **Correspondence Received:**

14. **Announcements:** Clerk Lindsey informed the Council of a news release from MN Department of Agriculture related to the Gypsy Moth Project that would take place between May 11-22. Lindsey also informed the Council that CEDA would begin working on the Small Cities Development Program Grant. They will begin with their Wind Shield Survey and would be driving around Hokah neighborhoods to conduct the survey.

15. **Next Council Meeting**

15.1 June 2, 2020

16. **Items for next Agenda:** MN Basic Code, Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency Report, Snow Removal Agreement, Highway 16 Speed Limit Reduction.

17. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Bissen at 7:44 PM. Second by Pfiffner. Unanimous.