Regular Calumet City Council Meeting

Calumet City Council Room

Tuesday May 17, 2022

2:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Zaren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-tem Zaren called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Zaren, Councilmembers Dan Strand and John Vaudrin. Mayor Tuorila joined by phone because Zoom wouldn’t work. Also present: Clerk April Serich. One vacant council position.

Motion by Vaudrin to approve the agenda with the additions of Resolution #22-05-17 approving the $270,000 General Obligation Bond Certificate for the Greenway Fire Dept to purchase a new fire truck, Resolution #22-05-17-2 approving the bond not to go over $270,000 and Discuss and approve the hiring of a new building inspector, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the minutes of the April regular meeting, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the April Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts $20,296.88, Disbursements $61,633.98, Investments $9,225.88 and total checking balance $185,510.66, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve and adopt Resolution #22-05-17 a resolution authorizing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of a $270,000 General Obligation Equipment Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 2022A and loan agreement between the City of Calumet and Woodland Bank, dated July 15, 2022 for the purchase of a fire truck with 3% interest rate per annum, seconded by Tuorila, upon vote taken, For: Zaren, Strand, Vaudrin and Tuorila, Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Tuorila to approve and adopt Resolution #22-05-17-2 a resolution determining the necessity to Issue a Not to Exceed $270,000 General Obligation Equipment Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 2022A, seconded by Vaudrin, upon vote taken, For: Zaren, Strand, Vaudrin and Tuorila, Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports**:

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that they received a grant from GACF for $2,994 for ball field sound system in Bovey. The arena roof is leaking bad and the estimate for a flat roof is $135,000. They are working with IRRR, legislators and Blandin.

Cemetery Bd: No report.

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: Zaren reported that the DNR is not doing anything on the pit water rising.

Greenway Fire Bd: No report.

Police Services Report: No report.

**Department Reports**:

Public Works: Bob reported that they are working on the ball field. They received the sweeper for the John Deere track loader. Strand stated that they are doing an excellent job cleaning up. Bill passed his water license and will now receive a $2.00 per hour increase in pay. Discussed the cement slab and electric for the generator at the pump house. We need one new doggy poop cleanup station.

**Comments and Requests from the Floor**: William Bigler discussed moving a building onto his property at 224 2nd Ave. He wants to know what the set backs are for building and what he can or cannot put there. According to R-1 151.21 E(4) in the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances, the alley right of way would be 16 feet from the center of the alley. Then add 5 more feet for building. The Street set back is 25 feet from the front curb on 2nd Ave. His lot is 75 ft. at one angle.

**Unfinished Business**:

Utility Update: 20 shut off letters were sent out.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Clerk Serich is working on the IRRRB grant. We need post demo photos to submit with the final report to get our money.

Blight Update: Nashwauk PD has delivered blight notice of code violations and will check on them again.

**New Business:**

Motion by Zaren to approve a zoning permit for Julie Warmuth at 208 Buckmaster Road, States 1st Addition to build a 30x70 house on Lot 5 Block 5, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve a zoning permit for Retta Zufall at 734 7th Ave. to build a 16x24 garage and deck with a cement apron on 7th Ave Lots 25-28 Block 16, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the city hall roof repair estimate received from Range Cornice for $58,303. We need to get a quote for a peaked roof and a flat roof. We will look into funding for this. CEDA can maybe help us.

Discussed the electric for the generator at the pump house. Tabled until more questions can be answered.

Motion by Vaudrin to approve the 10x10 cement pad for the generator from Hawk Construction for $2,200, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Vaudrin to approve a credit card for Librarian Melanie Lefebvre for $3,000, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the tower leases. Tabled Everest Infrastructure Partners inquiry into buying out leases.

Motion by Zaren to hire Andrew Sparpe from Township & Range, LLC as our new city building inspector to enforce our rental ordinance, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried. Discussed possibly collaborating with the City of Coleraine if needed.

Discussed and approved the Calumet Kids & Cars in the Park event Saturday August 27th.

There will be a car& bike show/swap meet, food vendors, Library entertainment, carnival games and activities. There will be meetings next month to discuss the planning.

Motion by Tuorila to approve plans for the City of Calumet to host the event, block off the streets needed and use the Mine Park, and other city lots, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk John Tuorila, Mayor