Regular Calumet City Council Meeting

Calumet City Council Room

Tuesday June 21, 2022

2:00 P.M.

Mayor Tuorila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tuorila called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tuorila, Mayor Pro-tem Zaren, Councilmembers Dan Strand and John Vaudrin. Also present: Treasurer Mary Garner, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal. One vacant council position.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions, discuss selling radio towers, discuss moving money from radio tower fund to general fund, discuss adjusting budget so we don’t have shortfalls, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Strand to approve the May Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts $29,319.69, Disbursements $50,685.87, Investments $9,906.49 and total checking balance $132,292.36, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 115, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 104, an Ordianance Relating to Building, Mainentance and Occupancy of the Calumet Municipal code. For: Zaren, Strand, Vaudrin, Tuorila. Against: none. Ordinance was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Tuorila to approve and adopt Resolution #22-06-21 a resolution setting the fees for the Rental Dwelling License, 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 a new sound system was installed at the ball field. A new flag pole is being installed by the monument. There was discussion with Chris Ishmil from the IRRRB about the arena roof. There was discussion about Grand Rapids using the Greenway arena next summer while their arena is under renovation.

Cemetery Bd: No quorum. Budget doing well.

MCWWTP: No report.

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

Greenway Fire Bd: A new truck was ordered. Quarterly payment went up. 9 calls in City of Calumet. Selling old fire truck.

Police Services Report: No report.

**Department Reports**:

Public Works: Bob reported that they need a new computer screen to read well #3. The numbers aren’t matching when guesstimating. It will be 4-8 weeks for the new part. They had an outside source look at it for repair, but it needs replacement.

Motion by Zaren to approve purchase of the meter display board from ESA Mid-America for $2756.00, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the estimated from Aikey electric for the 916 garage electric installation for $2900.00. Seeking an additional estimate from Rich LaDoux (Iron Country Electric) before moving forward with project.

Motion by Strand to approve purchasing a manual generator for the pump house with the cost not to exceed $5579.00, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion about mowing. Need to trim hill by Calumet sign. John Tuorila wants bicycle arch painted before August 20, 2022 when an expected 500 riders will come through. Clean up days went well with a total of 4 dumpsters. Over 100 tires were collected for disposal. Discussion about blight issues. John Tuorila gave April a list to follow up on. Bob will move Markovich’s and charge $50.

**New Business:**

Motion by Vaudrin to approve the clerk’s office/bathroom remodel by Russ McWilliams for $920 pending a certificate as proof of insurance, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion passed.

John Tuorila requested that the library organize their stored items in various locations in the building.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the Minnesota Association of Small Cities membership dues for $270.30, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the Municipal Clerks & Finance Officers ASSN membership dues for $50.00, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve a zoning permit for Retta Zufall 734 7th Ave for a fence on alley side 60’ x 8’ high when old garage is removed and must be 10’ from center of alley, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve water, sewer, snowplowing and mowing 2023 rates for Hill Annex Mine which will remain the same as 2022, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Zaren began discussion on selling the easements for the towers. Estimated revenue of $186,000 per year for 10 years. Questions for discussion, if the towers are city owned, does Calumet maintain them? How is technology changing and how does that impact the current technology? Will selling effect grant and loan processes? Strand asked for more information. Is the property that the towers are on city owned? Why don’t we raise rates?

Discussion about Mayor Breen from Marble requesting assistance with caulking to eliminate water leakage into water treatment plant.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Approved,

Mary Garner, Treasurer John Tuorila, Mayor