

Minutes
May 19, 2020
General Meeting

1) The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Dablow at 7:01PM.

a) Council Members present were Bob Dablow. Tom Berglind, Drew Schwan, Adam Jenstead and Lloyd Helgeson all attended via Zoom.

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk. Mike Kurkowski attended via Zoom.

We are still meeting under the open meeting law adjustments.

Future meetings may be held under these parameters as long as the pandemic declarations are in effect.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – April 21, 2020

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the general meeting minutes for April 21, 2020. It was 2nd by Lloyd Helgeson and the motion carried.

Bob Dablow - Aye

Tom Berglind – Aye

Drew Schwan - Aye

4) City Attorney – Zenas Baer – Not present to report.

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – Not present to report.

6) Amendments to Agenda – none.

7) Citizens Concerns – A resident has been harassing a council member about city issues they have. If a citizen has questions for the council please attend a council meeting, council members do not conduct city business outside of the council meetings. There have been many questions asking why the City chose not to do curbside recycling at this time. The main reasons we did not choose curbside recycling are cost, size of cans and loss of funding for the recycling program we currently have.

8) Old Business

a) Coronavirus – We will be reopening the recycling center and parks. Park equipment will not be sanitized by the city, so use the equipment at your own risk and please limit groups to 10 people or less. The Community Center will be limited to 10 or less people at this time.

b) Comprehensive Plan Update – Nothing new.

c) Community Center Rental Agreement Update – We are still working on the wording for the agreement.

d) Land Rent – We are still waiting for the eviction court case to be rescheduled.

e) Small Cities Grant Items - Another payment pass thru from DEED has come in for the Clay County HRA.

f) Clean Up Day – Clean up day in Sabin has been scheduled for Friday, July 24th.

9) New Business

a) Township Sewer Rate – A township resident has asked about adding a second sewer line on his property. Bob believes the rate was supposed to be double the resident rate, but as rates have increased they had been increased the same as residents, it is now only \$10.00 a month more than the resident rate. We will not increase it at this time, but in the future the rates will be adjusted.

b) Crowbar Yearly Liquor License Renewal – The Crowbars liquor license is up for renewal July 1st.

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to approve to yearly license renewal for the Crowbar & Grill. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

Drew Schwan – Aye

Lloyd Helgeson – Aye

Bob Dablow – Aye

c) Drainage in Quarterline Crossing – The drainage has been interrupted by a resident, so the water is not flowing out of the area. We will send a letter to the resident and ask that he fix the drainage issue.

10) Maintenance Department – Doug Smith – Not present to report. Doug was given a list of items to work on, but we do not have an update at this time. The caps on the fence in the park have been smashed, the wood pile at the ponds needs to be cleaned up and burned, there are signs down that need to be replaced and the plywood on the concession stand needs to be replaced. The Electrician will be out soon to put up the new power pole in the park. There are some jobs to be done that require large equipment that we do not have, Doug should rent the equipment or contract someone for those jobs.

11) Water/Sewer Department – Mike Kurkowski – There is not much going on at the water plant. The generator for the ponds needs new tires. The 1st discharge has been done at the ponds. We have residents running sump pumps in the sewer line and they need to unhook sump pumps from the sewer lines and run them outdoors, we have had this issue for many years. Tom would like someone who knows what to look for come up with a plan on how to handle the sump pump issues and bring it to the council. The hydrants have not been flushed yet, Tom asked Mike for a flow report to be done with the flushing and Mike requested Doug's help if the report needs to be done.

a) DMR Report – It will be done on the 21st.

12) Treasurers Report – Reports were looked over.

13) Receipts, Disbursements & Claims – Were looked over.

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to approve the claims. It was 2nd by Lloyd Helgeson and the motion carried.

Adam Jenstead - Aye

Drew Schwan – Aye

Bob Dablow - Aye

14) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – We will resume shut offs in June.

15) Commissioner Reports

a) Health – Adam Jenstead – Mosquitoes are starting to show up.

b) Weeds – Bob Dablow – Bob has a list of weeds to look out for and will post notices

when spraying.

c) Emergency Management Director – Randy Schmidt – Not present to report.

d) Fire & Rescue - Bob Dablow – The Fire District has continued going out for birthday parties for kids in the area.

e) Parks – Adam Jenstead – Softball has been canceled this year. The ball fields still need to be tended to and we should add agri-lime this year.

f) Recycling – Lloyd Helgeson – The center reopened yesterday.

g) Streets – Tom Berglind – The property line for the road between the church and the park appears to be on the along the curb on the northwest side, therefore it seems to be the property of the church.

h) Zoning – Tom Berglind – Nothing to report.

16) Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Lloyd Helgeson to adjourn. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

Tom Berglind - Aye

Bob Dablow – Aye

Drew Schwan - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved