

Minutes
May 18, 2021
General Meeting

1) The meeting was called to order by Council Member Tom Berglind at 7:00PM.

a) Council Members present were Tom Berglind, Adam Jenstead, Drew Schwan and Toran Thornton. Mayor Bob Dablow was unable to attend.

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Doug Smith, John Satrom and Dan Hanson.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – April 20, 2021

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the general meeting minutes for April 20, 2021. It was 2nd by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

b) Public Hearing – Wellhead Protection – April 20, 2021

A MOTION was made by Toran Thornton to approve the wellhead protection public hearing minutes on April 20, 2021. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

c) Public Hearing – Amendment to Ordinance – April 20, 2021

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the amendment to ordinance public hearing minutes for April 20, 2021. It was 2nd by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

d) Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit – April 20, 2021

A MOTION was made by Toran Thornton to approve the conditional use public hearing minutes on April 20, 2021. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

e) Public Hearing – Variance Request – May 6, 2021

A MOTION was made by Drew Schwan to approve the variance request public hearing minutes on May 6, 2021. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

4) City Attorney – Zenas Baer – Not present to report. We are still pursuing the eviction at 12 main street.

Savings Account or CDs moved up from **8)d)** John Sartom, President of Northwestern Bank came in to go over opening a savings account with the council. The reason they would like us to open a savings account is because the bank has to pledge extra securities for our checking account monthly, so opening a savings account would save the extra work for the bank. We have very low monthly bank fees with Northwestern Bank and the council is generally in favor of opening the savings account to help out the bank, but we have a few possible major projects upcoming that were unplanned and would like to get those figured out before we open a savings account. We will contact the bank in a few months with a decision.

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – Mike called Dan and said we need to change to green sand, but Dan would like someone from moore to go through the plant with Mike to see if that is what we need to do. The cost to change to green sand Dan estimates to be around \$300,000.00, because we would need to change out the filter vessels we currently have. It is possible that we just need to replace the current ceramic media with a fresh batch of that.

A MOTION was made by Toran Thornton to have moore engineering compose a technical memo that provides existing system analysis and proposed improvements including cost and time frame. It was 2nd by Drew Schwan and the motion carried.

6) Amendments to Agenda – none.

7) Citizens Concerns – A resident emailed Wendy with a complaint about a neighbors property not being mowed for quite some time, we will send a letter to the homeowner to take care of it.

8) Old Business

a) **Small Cities Grant Items –** Nothing new to report.

b) **Comprehensive Plan Update –** Nothing new to report.

c) **Land Rent –** Discussed earlier.

d) **Savings Account or CDs –** moved up and discussed earlier.

e) **Community Center Furnace –** Tom has contacted a few people for bids, but has not received any yet.

9) New Business

10) Maintenance Department – Doug Smith – Doug has been mowing and trimming, the mosquito sprayer has been moved to the other Dodge truck. Tom picked up the new truck and Wendy will get the title transferred when we get the lien card from the previous owners. Doug is waiting for help from Mike on the pond aerator.

11) Water/Sewer Department – Mike Kurkowski – Not present to report.

12) Treasurers Report – Looked over.

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

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the claims. It was 2nd by Drew Schwan and the motion carried.

14) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – There are 11 on the shut off list at this time.

15) Commissioner Reports

a) **Health –** Toran Thornton – Spraying will start when needed.

b) **Weeds –** Bob Dablow – Not present to report.

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

d) **Fire & Rescue -** Bob Dablow – Not present to report – Tom Berglind reported - The Fire District has a replacement picked out to take over for Bob and Kathy when they step down, but it has not yet been voted on.

e) **Parks –** Adam Jenstead – Softball and T-ball have started, the agrilime looks good, but some weeds are starting to come through. Benches will be replaced by Sabin Youth Softball, it would be nice if the city put in a bench for the skating rink area as well. Adam and Toran also met with Joe Amundson from St. Croix Recreation about replacing the park equipment with new equipment. The cost they are looking at is \$75,000.00 not including removal of the old equipment or impact absorbent filler.

f) **Recycling –** Toran Thornton – Everything is going well.

g) **Streets –** Tom Berglind – We have wheelage funds to use and Tom does see a few areas we can use those funds for. Tom contacted the county about County 52, they plan to work on it next summer.

h) Zoning – Tom Berglind – Nothing to report.

16) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 6-15-21