**City Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**November 2nd, Council Meeting , 2021**

Pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Schoonover.

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Schoonover, , Council President Dauner, Councilman Tyler, Councilman Becker, Councilman Klos, Councilwoman Abel, and Attorney Miller.

Sheriff Jacobs absent.

Nancy Marihugh – 215 cases of COVID in Jewell County. Maderna Booster Shot and Flu Clinic on the 10th of November from 10:30AM to 5PM. 4 deaths from COVID in October. Nancy will retire in November.

Kelly Stafford request approval of a building permit behind her house at 302 N Commercial St. Councilman Tyler motioned to approve the permit and Councilman Klos seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

David Badger requested a building permit for a twelve’x24’ shed behind his house. Councilman Becker motion to approve the permit and Council President Dauner seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Cowan from Gilmore and Bell spoke on Zoom regarding interim financing for the water project. Kevin Cowan proposed a resolution to assist with obtaining general obligation bonds to assist with the water main improvement project. Kevin suggested the city contact local banks for interim financing. Attorney Miller said he will pursue that. Kevin said it will take about three weeks for the governing body to close on the notes and three weeks for the Attorney General Office to approve. Kevin said the bonds will be driven by the bond schedule. Attorney Miller asked about the fee schedule from USDA, normally the fee will be built in for bond councils. Kevin estimated about $16,000.

Rob Peschel said that the water project should be advertised before Christmas. Jim Kohman said the line north of sale barn will be rerouted in phase 2 of the project. This will give us time to work out the easements. Rob Peschel said the contractor needs to be picked by the 1st of March and the project will start April or May.

Kyra Lampe from Jewell County development presented on Wayfinding signs for the city of Mankato. Council said they will study it and get back with them.

Stewart Jenson presented a report on reimbursement of his electrical appliances damaged during a power problem at their house. The Council and City Attorney said they will take it under consideration; however, the final decision will be the City Insurance Adjuster. Attorney Miller suggested to Mr. Jenson to check his homeowner’s insurance.

Council Becker would like to see an itemized list of the Visa Card bills.

Councilman Klos motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed Aaron Coils bowling alley building. Attorney Miller said nothing can be done unless it is declared unsafe. Aaron should get a structural engineer to inspect the building.

Council informed the Administrator to follow Ordinances for Utility Billing. Administrator confirmed.

Council President Dauner motioned to pass Resolution #6 allowing Gilmore and Bell to proceed with bonds for our water project. Councilman Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator requested council approve the purchase of a plasma cutter for the city to build risers for sewer utility access holes saving the city about $90,000. Councilman Tyler motioned to approve the purchase of the plasma cutter in the amount of $2083. Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive session was motioned by Councilwoman Abel and Seconded by Councilman Becker to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 5-0. Session started at 9:30PM and ended at 9:45PM with no action taken.

Adjourned at 9:46PM.

Meeting Adjourned

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Mayor City Administrator