**City Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**September 7th, Council Meeting , 2021**

Pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Schoonover.

Meeting started at 7:05 PM.

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

Sheriff Jacobs – Sheriff requested no parking signs on the north side of Webster Street due to trailers and semi-trucks parking on both sides of the street making it impassable. Attorney Miller said he will bring a resolution in the October council meeting.

Nancy Marihugh – August there were twenty active COVID cases. As of today, there have been nineteen new cases. Six of those were fully vaccinated. Booster shots may be available September the 20th. Two elderly patients hospitalized with COVID.

KMEA – What can we do differently in the future to mitigate high bills during cold and hot weather? After research on Mankato’s power grid the best solution was install generators. Maintenance would be performed on the generators by KMEA staff on a periodic basis. KMEA said this was an option for the city to explore for the future. Governing Body said they would take it into consideration.

Monte Dakin – Presented the best option to the city council to do point repair on our sewer system with the funds received as part of the America Rescue Plan Act. Monte said these funds would use in three major problem areas of the sewer system to slow down the inflow and infiltration (I&I) until the main sewer project is completed. The recommendation is to use cast in place pipe (CIPP). The council agreed.

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

Attorney Miller presented Ordinance 734 allowing selling of liquor at 9AM instead of 11AM. Councilman Tyler motioned to approve Ordinance 734 and Councilwoman Abel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Miller presented ordinance 735 to increase utility deposits from $120 to $250. Councilman Becker motioned to increase deposit to $250. Councilman Klos seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Becker asked the Administrator when will the leak be fixed at the pool. Administrator said that he is working on it. So far, the leak has not been located.

Councilman Abel asked why the volleyball court is locked. Administrator did not know why and will have it unlocked.

Administrator presented the level payment plan (LPP) amounts to the council. Council stated the bills were remarkably high. Council suggested to drop the LPP’s for 6 months to let customers catch up and reevaluate the 7th month. Council asked Attorney Miller if that was feasible. Attorney Miller asked not to drop the LPP’s until they were reviewed further.

Council informed the Administrator to send delinquent letters to the customers that are on the current active delinquent list.

Administrator informed council that citizens were complaining about trucks using their engines to break coming into town. The signs were bought by the city several years ago. Council said that KDOT would not let them be installed during that time. Administrator recently talked to KDOT, and they said it was okay if it was in city limits. Council said put them up.

Administrator presented an estimate to replace downtown streetlights with LED lights. The price to replace twenty-five lights is $6218.75. The return on investment is about 1.5 years. Councilman Klos motioned to approve the purchase and replacement of twenty-five streetlights. Councilman Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator said the school wanted to use the swimming pool. Attorney Miller said that the school will need to agree to a hold harmless agreement. Attorney Miller said he would visit with the school superintendent.

Council President Dauner motioned to approve the ARPA funds awarded to Mankato be used for the repairs of three problem areas in our sewer system using CIPP. Councilman Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30PM.

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