

**Motley, MN**

**February 8th, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof Mayor Al Yoder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Pat O'Regan, Steve Johnson, Amy Hutchison, and Mayor Al Yoder. Council member Jace Carlson was absent. The meeting was held at Motley City Hall.

The following persons were present at City Hall for all or part of the meeting: Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton, Police Chief Jason Borash, Fire Chief Brad Olson, Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski. Other interested individuals were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Al Yoder called for additions or deletions to the agenda.

Police Chief Jason Borash requested to add to New Business, an application for use of the community room.

Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton requested to add to Public works report a discussion on picnic tables for the pavilion.

Fire Chief Brad Olson requested to add to Fire Department business, a truck update.

Clerk Curt Bryniarski requested to add to Old Business, a sponsorship agreement between the City and Morrison County for supporting the LRIP grant projects.

Johnson moved with a second by Hutchison to approve the additions to the agenda. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried.

O'Regan moved with a second by Hutchison to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Claims
  - i. Check #32243 – 32281; EFT #30440 – 30447; Payroll EFT #1000796- 1000812
- B. WEX fuel/mileage report – January
- C. Minutes of the Regular January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Council Meeting
- D. January Employee Hours Report
- E. January Employee Leave Report

All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried.

### **Agenda Requests/Presentations**

There were no requests.

### **Planning & Zoning Department/Committee Business**

No report.

### **Fire Department**

January 2020 fire report was given by Fire Chief Brad Olson.

Fire Chief Olson reported that January calls were 6 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle, for a total of 7.

Clerk-Treasurer Curt Bryniarski reported on the 3-year contract with the townships for fire department services. It is time to schedule a meeting for this to go over the new 3-year contract. It was decided to have the meeting on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Brad Olson reported that the fire department officers have decided to attend various township meetings to keep in touch and introduce themselves. The council liked this idea and suggested that they should check in yearly with the townships.

Olson reported that last week there was an annual maintenance for pump on Tanker 2. They drove the truck out to the sewer plant to empty the water and the brakes went out on it. The same company that worked on the pumps fixed the brakes as well. The air brake chambers in the back cracked and broke. Olson warned the council that this bill will be large when it is submitted.

### **Police Department**

January 2021 police report was given by Police Chief Jason Borash.

Total calls for the month of January were 106.

Chief Borash reported that the Follis property which was abated back in October has passed the time frame for him to pay his fines. The personal property that was removed and stored by the city is now the property of the city. It is time to decide how to handle disposal/sale of these items. After some discussion it was decided to photo the items and place them for sale by closed bid auction on our website and our Facebook page for 30 days. Whatever does not sell will be disposed of.

Johnson moved with a second by Hutchison to approve placing the items that have some value from the Follis property abatement on bids. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried.

### **Public Works Department**

January 2021 report was given by Public Works director Bruce Brotherton.

Public Works Director Brue Brotherton stated that the City-wide clean-up day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Council agreed this would be a good day to have it.

Brotherton wondered if it was a good time to schedule the city-wide garage sales as well. He said people are starting to inquire about this. It was decided that they would schedule these for Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Bruce Brotherton put in a vacation request for March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

O'Regan moved with a second by Hutchison to approve the vacation request. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried.

Bruce Brotherton reported that the Free Methodist has offered to donate picnic tables for the new pavilion. After talking with them it was decided that with the tables that were chosen, they could afford to pay for 6 tables and new aluminum planks for two of the old tables, providing the City pay for the shipping. The council agreed that we could pay the shipping.

### **Administrative Department**

January 2021 report was given by Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski.

Bryniarski reported that because of the billing error for one of the industries last month it is once again estimated. Considering this, we are still at a very acceptable percentage.

Curt Bryniarski reported that the IT Services from Sourcewell have been discontinued. He has been searching for a new IT provider and presented some quotes. He explained the differences and the services provided according to the quotes he received. Deerwood Technologies offers a much more comprehensive support package with a more proactive approach with a significantly higher price. CTC provides an adequate package with a better price and still has some proactive services. Bryniarski noted that Deerwood Technologies would be his first choice, if money was not an object, but CTC has adequate services for the City's needs.

O'Regan moved with a second by Hutchison to accept CTC's proposal and to hire them for the City's IT services. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Clerk-Treasurer Curt Bryniarski presented the updates for the Personnel Policy that had been adjusted since presented at the last meeting.

Johnson moved with a second by O'Regan to approve the Personnel Policy with the updates. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried.

Hutchison moved with a second by O'Regan to approve Resolution No. 2021-10 approving the shift differential for employees' hours worked between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried.

Hutchison moved with a second by O'Regan to approve the Sponsorship Agreement between Morrison County and City of Motley for Cemetery Road and Harrison Street Projects. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried.

**New Business**

Hutchison moved with a second by Johnson to approve Resolution #2021-11: A Resolution accepting donations to the City with the funds going to the Fire Department Truck Fund. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the motion carried

Clerk Bryniarski explained that Region 5 Development Commission has contacted him about grant opportunities. These funds can be used for any project that adds energy efficiency to the City. It is a matching grant paired with a Sourcewell grant. There was some discussion on how we would use the funds and decided that there would be a committee formed.

O'Regan moved with a second by Johnson to approve Resolution #2021-12: A Resolution Approving the Grant Applications for Energy and Environment Plan. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the motion carried.

Curt explained that the City of Pierz is issuing bonds to Horizon Health for various projects in multiple cities. Horizon Health is planning to spend some of those funds on their buildings here in Motley. Since it is City of Pierz bonds, we must schedule a public hearing and then approve another Resolution after that saying that we consent. They are also doing this in other cities as well. This would be allowing them to spend the money coming from Pierz bond money here in Motley at the Harmony House.

Hutchison moved with a second by O'Regan to approve Resolution #2021-13: A Resolution Scheduling A Public Hearing on The Issuance of Revenue Obligations by The City of Pierz to Finance a Project by Horizon Health, Inc. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the motion carried.

Long Prairie River One Watershed, One Plan program is asking for City representation to be on the advisory committee. There was some discussion regarding the necessity of doing this, as the watershed is not within the City. Council Member O'Regan and Mayor Yoder both expressed willingness if their schedules allowed, but wanted more information. It was decided that Mayor Al Yoder would contact the director of this program and get more information, leaving it open for now.

Hutchison moved with a second by Johnson to approve providing a letter of support for Todd CSAH 34 and Wadena CSAH 3 LRIP Funding Request based on receiving the same support back for our LRIP project on Cemetery Road. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the motion carried.

Police Chief Jason Borash explained that he is involved with the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation. The next grant cycle expires on April 15<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for ways in which to expand the group of businesses and organizations that apply for their grants. They are planning to have an educational seminar to educate interested individuals who are otherwise intimidated by the application process, in filling out grant applications.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR FEBRUARY 8TH, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

O'Regan moved with a second by Hutchison to approve the rental of the meeting room on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation with the rental fee being waived. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the motion carried.

Curt Bryniarski stated that he had been approached by Sherry Frisk who asked him if we have any use for the power pole located by The BBQ Smokehouse. They don't use it, except for June Fest. They are wondering if the City is willing to take over the expenses for this pole. Sherry did also state that The BBQ Smokehouse has been paying for it as they are using it for a cooler currently. Sherry is going to talk to BBQ Smokehouse to find out what their plans are. It was decided to put this on hold until she finds out their future plans.

Clerk-Treasurer Curt Bryniarski's Annual Performance Evaluation was scheduled for Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 following the Regular City Council Meeting as a closed meeting.

**Public Forum**

No one from the public present.

**Council Forum**

Council member Steve Johnson wanted to thank the City staff for the Christmas candy present in December.

**Upcoming Meetings/Important Dates**

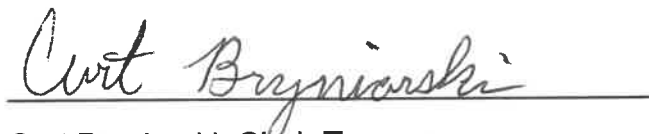
City Hall closed in observance of President's Day, Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Planning and Zoning Meeting: Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting, Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:30 p.m. followed by a closed meeting for the Annual Performance Evaluation for Clerk-Treasurer Curt Bryniarski.

**Council**

O'Regan moved with a second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Curt Bryniarski, Clerk-Treasurer