

**Motley, MN**

**November 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 and Amy Hutchison. 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, Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski, Fire Chief Brad Olson. Other interested individuals were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Clerk Treasurer Curt Bryniarski requested to add the topic of barn quilt donations to New Business and the Motley Township snow plowing contract to New Business. Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton requested to add the topic of a Street Lights Committee to the Public Works report for discussion.

Hutchison moved with a second by Johnson to approve the additions to the agenda. 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 #32602 – 32641; EFT #30508 – 30515; Payroll EFT #1000954- 1000969
- B. Wex fuel/milage report – October
- C. Minutes of the Regular October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Council Meeting
- D. October Employee Hours Report
- E. October Employee Leave Report

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

### **Agenda Requests/Presentations**

Axon Body Camera System, presented by Doug Rekstad and Amy Middendorf of Morrison County Sheriff Department and I.T. Doug Rekstad introduced himself as a supervisor that oversees the squad car cameras. The current server end of life is October 2022. With the changes regarding civil unrest, the department is looking into body worn cameras. After research completed, the County plan is to use Axon Body Camera System.

Amy Middendorf, Director of I.T. for Morrison County, presented a summary of the Axon Body Camera System. It was decided by the committee that the good outweighs the bad in the whole idea. She explained the idea of bringing in some of the smaller police departments within the County. She explained the benefits of having the smaller departments on the same system as the County for many reasons including training and support.

Mr. Rekstad also discussed the redaction program and the fees involved with the system. Motley's costs would be roughly \$43,530 for the 10 year agreement. This includes new body worn cameras at years 2.5, 5, 7.5, and 10. It also includes new squad car cameras at years 5 and 10. He also explained the benefits of using the same docking stations as the County for the cameras.

There was a question-and-answer session during which things such as pricing, contract, and public survey were discussed. They also discussed the redaction program and the fees involved and the possibility of cost increasing in the future. Mayor Yoder asked if the costs were included in the public survey. Mr. Rekstad said costs were not in the survey, but they were presented to the County Commissioners. Council Member Hutchison was concerned that it would be hard to justify the costs to the Motley residents.

Hutchison asked if the City could go down to one body camera, since the two officers generally work different shifts. Mr. Rekstad explained that there is limited battery life and each officer needs their own license, so they would need their own camera. Council Member Johnson asked if the cameras were on all of the time. Mr. Rekstad explained that the officer needs to turn it on. He also said that once the order is placed, it could potentially take 9 months to get the equipment and get it up and running.

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

Nothing to report.

### **Fire Department**

October 2021 report was given by Fire Chief Brad Olson. There were 12 medicals, 1 MVA, and 1 fire calls, for a total of 14 calls in October.

Fire Chief Brad Olson informed the council hose testing is required each year. It was discovered that the new truck does not have hose testing capability. He reported that we can buy a hose tester for \$2,500 - \$5,000. He would like to use carry over funds to purchase this at the beginning of 2022. He will start gathering pricing information to present at the next council meeting.

### **Police Department**

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

Total calls for the month of October were 177, making a year-to-date total of 1,153.

Chief Borash talked about the body-worn camera presentation and notified the council that he is comparing with other companies and will discuss that more with them at the budget meeting. There was some discussion regarding what other small towns use for body-worn cameras.

Public hearing for body-worn camera is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, following Administrative Citations Certification public hearing. There was discussion on the survey that was placed on the website and advertised on Facebook. Officer Borash explained that the survey questions were recommended by the League of MN Cities.

Mayor Yoder asked for clarification on how the scheduling works when Borash is on vacation or has the day off. He feels that Officer Holtz should stay working evenings instead of moving up to the day shift. It seems more important to have an officer on duty in the evenings. Yoder expressed concern that night shift is not covered at night when businesses are closed. Officer Borash explained that the call volume is greatest from 8am – 8pm. Amy Hutchison requested a schedule from the police department to show who is on duty. Chief Borash offered to provide a monthly schedule to Hutchison.

### **Public Works Department**

October 2021 report was given by Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton.

Brotherton updated the council on the charging station. He explained that the fast charger is down, waiting on parts. Slow charger is being used currently.

Brotherton presented engineering estimate details for Cemetery Road project from Bolton & Menk and Moore Engineering. He explained it's difficult to compare the estimates, due to having different specifications. He said Bolten & Menk's estimate is less expensive and includes an estimate for easement acquisition. Council Member O'Regan mentioned approving an engineer to get the project started, then decide the scope of the project as we know more.

Johnson moved with a second by O'Regan to approve starting the Cemetery Road project with Bolton & Menk. All aye, none nay. Mayor Al Yoder declared the Motion carried.

Brotherton informed the council of a street lighting concern on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and Beaulieu. The new LED's focus more down than outward. Bruce is wondering if the streets committee should investigate this. It was decided that each council member would take some time to drive around and come back next month with options and ideas.

### **Administrative Department**

October 2021 water usage report was given by Clerk/Treasurer Curt Bryniarski. Staying consistent at 3%.

Curt Bryniarski requested another budget meeting scheduled. The work session was scheduled for November 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm, prior to the public hearings.

Hutchison moved with a second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-25: Designation of Polling Place for 2021 Elections. All aye, none nay. Mayor Al Yoder declared the Motion carried.

Hutchison moved with a second by Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-26: Certifying Unpaid Charges to the Morrison County Auditor. All aye, none nay. Mayor Al Yoder declared the Motion carried.

O'Regan moved with a second by Hutchison to approve the Annual LMCIT Liability Coverage Waiver Declaration to not waive it. All aye, none nay. Mayor Al Yoder declared the Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Hutchison moved with a second by O'Regan to approve Resolution 2021-27: Declaring Eligibility of Part-Time Police Officers in the Police and Fire Plan as Required by the Public Employees Retirement Association. All aye, none nay. Mayor Al Yoder declared the Motion carried.

O'Regan moved with a second by Johnson to approve the Motley Township snowplowing contract. All aye, none nay. Mayor Al Yoder declared the Motion carried.

Clerk Curt Bryniarski presented a donation of 2 barn quilt signs. There was discussion of how many we have currently and where we would place these. It was decided to accept one barn quilt sign and place it by the tennis courts/dog park with a pet theme.

O'Regan moved with a second by Johnson to accept the donation of one barn quilt sign for the tennis courts/dog park. All aye, none nay. Mayor Al Yoder declared the Motion carried.

### **Public Forum**

No members of the public spoke.

### **Council Forum**

Steve Johnson requested giving \$25 per meeting for the Planning & Zoning Committee in hopes that this would attract more members.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Important Dates**

City Hall closed: Veterans Day – Thursday, November 11, 2021

City Hall closed: Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 25, 2021

Budget workshop: Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – City Hall

Public Hearings: Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:00 p.m. – City Hall

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR November 8<sup>th</sup> , 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

Planning & Zoning Meeting: Tuesday, November 30, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – City Hall

Final 2021 Budget/Levy Public Hearing: Monday, December 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Regular City Council Meeting, Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:30 p.m. – City Hall

**Council**

O'Regan moved with a second by Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting. All aye, none nay. Mayor Yoder declared the Motion carried. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Curt Bryniarski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Curt Bryniarski, Clerk-Treasurer