Regular Calumet City Council Meeting

Calumet City Council Room

Tuesday October 18, 2022

2:00 P.M.

Mayor Tuorila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tuorila called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Tuorila, Councilmembers Tim Zaren, Dan Strand and John Vaudrin. Also present: Clerk Serich, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal and Street Maintenance worker Bill Berger.

Guests: Sarah Thomson Itasca County Land Dept., Kevin Johnson and Chambers from the Run-a-Muk four-wheeler club, and Bruce Tholen from Samaritan Transport.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions of Pipe #120 agreement with Glacier Park Iron Ore Properties until Oct. 4, 2027, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the minutes of the September regular meeting, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the September Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts $347,703.82, Disbursements $323,105.06, Investments $8,134.28 and total checking balance $297,163.38, including the loan proceeds of $270,000 for the new fire truck, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Check with Mary about spreadsheet.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports**:

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that they are working on getting funding for projects. Skating and basketball started.

Cemetery Bd: Meeting on the 19th.

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: Tuorila reported that there are no changes with the Canisteo and Hill Annex Pit water rising.

Continuing to push for #169 project.

**Department Reports**:

Public Works: Tuorila stated that a burm is needed along the road where people are entering the Hill Annex along the bike trail. Also, Bob stated that the gate was open, and the locks were cut. Okay to get a couple more trail cameras and put boulders in the way of the entrance. Bob reported that everything has been winterized. He ordered a spring for the plow. Salt sand should be here in two weeks. They brushed the side of the bike trail. They will do the street sweeping after more leaves fall. The city shop floor drain has been cleaned out. The electrician is finished and MN Power will come in two weeks to hook up the power to the garage on Gary St. Also, ask about the 4 poles on Hwy#169 that need power added for the Christmas lights. The council wants the dead trees removed from by the bike trail, the trees removed from the burn pile, the burn pile moved to the new location and the sidewalks edged. The shelving in the basement needs to be put together and check on the pipe in the basement.

Engineer: Alan Johnson was not present. Council wants a meeting set-up with Alan, Ryan Sutherland, the council, Bob & Bill as soon as possible on the Gary St. project.

Comments/Requests from the floor:

Sarah Thompson from the Itasca County Land Dept. trails discussed the ATV trail connection to Calumet. She presented a proposal for the connection from Pengilly to Calumet or Marble. The Run-a-Muk ATV Club and the MN DNR are involved. There is funding available. There was a discussion about the noise, dust, road issues, if it will be patrolled and the rules enforced. They will also be in touch with The City of Marble and Greenway Township. There will be a public meeting held on Nov. 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Lone Pine Hall.

Bruce Tholen from Samaratin Transport wanted the council to extend the agreement for purchasing the old fire hall until July 1, 2023, instead of the balloon payment due on Dec. 1, 2022. Motion by Zaren to approve the amendment to the agreement for the purchase of the old fire hall building with the balloon payment extended to July 1, 2023 with payments at $750 per month and we will need the amendment signed by both

Julie Warmuth asked about applying to the IRRRB for demolition of her trailer house. We will discuss it at the next meeting.

Police Services Report: September 29 hrs. 23.5 hrs. over.

Utility Shut offs: 19 shut off notices sent out.

Blight/Nuisance Notices: 17 blight code violations were given out. Discussed Jedidiah Berg harassment complaint. Ziegler needs to move his vehicle out of the way of snowplowing on 2nd Ave. Fred Hoshal has an unlicensed pick-up parked behind his garage. Someone has moved into the Hoshal house at 204 Buckmaster Rd. Check on it being a rental. Discussed the trailer parked on the street at 326 3rd Ave. Notices will be given.

**New Business:**

Motion by Tuorila to approve the AFSCME union contract for 1-1-2023 to 12-31-2025 with the city employees, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion passed.

A thank you was received from Grace House.

Mayor Tuorila read a letter of support for the Itasca County Hunger & Homeless Awareness.

Motion by Zaren to approve the Pipe#120 agreement with Glacier Park Iron Ore Properties for five years dated 10-4-2023, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk John Tuorila, Mayor