Regular Calumet City Council Meeting

Calumet City Council Room

Tuesday November 15, 2022

2:00 P.M.

Mayor Tuorila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tuorila called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Tuorila, Councilmembers Tim Zaren, Dan Strand and John Vaudrin. Also present: Clerk Serich

Guests: Amanda Hernesman

Motion by Tuorila to appoint Amanda Hernesman to the council for November and December to replace Larry Pitts, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Serich gave Amanda the oath of office for the council position.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions of Mississippi Water Shed Meeting and approve liquor license for the Old Calumet Saloon if no violations, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the minutes of the October regular meeting and Oct. 20th and 27th special meetings with the correction of listing Council member John Vaudrin, present, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the October Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts $25,774.74, Disbursements $41,879.89, Investments $8,814.89 and total checking balance $277,601.69, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports**:

Greenway Recreation Bd. Meeting is next Monday.

Cemetery Bd: no meeting.

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: no quorum.

**Department Reports**:

Public Works: Bob and Bill were snowplowing. The new pick-up needs new snow tires.

Police Services Report: October 20hrs. 23.5 hrs. over. Check on contract for police services.

Utility Shut offs: 18 shut off notices sent out. Discussed the late fees for delinquent water & sewer bills. Motion by Zaren to increase the late fee to $25 instead of $15, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Serich will be ordering 2023 payment booklets soon and will check on the fee schedule.

Blight/Nuisance Notices: discussed the previous blight notices. Several have taken care of the issues. There are still some unlicensed vehicles and garbage that needs to be cleaned up. Steve Kluck, Jessica Hoshal, Amberley Schneider and Mike Mackey. Clerk Serich will check with law enforcement on these.

**New Business:**

Motion by Zaren to Canvass and approve the 2022 election results as follows: 183 registered residents with 107 casting ballots for 1-**Mayor 2 yr. term**-John Tuorila-79 and write ins-12; 2-**Council members 4 yr. terms**-Daniel Strand-59, Amanda Hernesman-53, Rodger Brown-45 and 1 write in, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed radio tower cell leases. The 500 ft. tower was built in 1995 for $131,000. Everest Infrastructure Partners, Tower Point have made offers to buy out the leases and possibly the steel tower. Clerk Serich will contact Landmark to give us an estimate also. Mayor Tuorila will contact Everest to see if their offer includes purchasing the steel tower.

Bob Hoshal arrived at 3:30 p.m.

The Itasca County HRA will not be renewing the snowplowing contract with the city.

Motion by Tuorila to approve and certify the following Special Assessments for delinquent utilities. Don Herges $760 and Terry Rutherford/ETAL $480 for the 2023 property taxes, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Serich will send a letter to Terry Markovich for the $200 lawnmowing bill.

Bob stated that they need new tires on the pickup, possibly rims to. He will check with Acheson.

Motion by Zaren to purchase new tires, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to nominate Mayor John Tuorila to the RAMS board, seconded by Amanda Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the liquor license for the Old Calumet Saloon as long as there are no violations, $100 Off Sale, $100 Sunday and $400 On Sale, seconded by Strand, all in favor, M/C.

Discussed the Rentals. If there is a contract for deed registered with the county, then it is not considered a rental. Ed Varin, Cody Presley and Fred Hoshal had inspections. Cody Presley’s rental needs to have egress windows installed upstairs. If the other repairs are made, then yes it can be rented with a signed affidavit that no one will be sleeping upstairs. The inspection fees for the new rentals are $130 each and Ed Varin is $250 because he didn’t show up and the inspector had to come back again.

Discussed the One Water Shed One Plan meeting. Mayor Tuorila will check into it further.

Mineland Vision meeting Nov. 17, 2022.

Mediacom will increase rates Nov. 15, 2022.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk John Tuorila, Mayor