Regular Calumet City Council Meeting

Calumet City Council Room

Tuesday December 20, 2022

2:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren, Councilmembers Tim Zaren, John Vaudrin and Amanda Hernesman. Mayor John Tuorila by ZOOM. Absent: Councilmember Strand. Also present: Clerk Serich

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the addition of approve purchase of a sander for $700 for the 2007 pickup and approve the 2023 Municipal Prosecution Agreement with Itasca Co Attorney for $1,000, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Vaudrin to approve the minutes of the November regular meeting and December special meeting, seconded by Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Vaudrin to approve the November Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts $24,868.86, Disbursements $55,319.52, Investments $9,495.50 and total checking balance $252,742.75, seconded by Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports**:

Greenway Recreation Bd. No report.

Cemetery Bd: No report.

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: Discussed next year’s officers.

Greenway Joint Fire Board: The pension was raised from $1,375 to $1,650.

RAMS: Mayor John Tuorila was appointed to the board January 2023-2025.

**Department Reports**:

Public Works: Bob reported that there was a plowing mishap when Bill got the dump truck stuck and Bob pulled the dump truck out with the 2022 pickup. The dump truck slid on the ice into the tailgate of the 2022 pickup and the sander dented it.

Police Services Report: November 20hrs. 23.5 hrs. over. Discussed the Police services contract with the City of Nashwauk. Motion by Tuorila that the contract was reviewed and approved with a 10% rate increase in 2024 and 2025, seconded by Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried.

Utility Shut offs: 16 shut off letters were sent out.

Blight/Nuisance Notices: There have been people parking behind the city hall from the rental above the post office. Clerk Serich can send a notice.

**New Business:**

Motion by Vaudrin to adopt and approve the 2023 Final Property Tax Levy at 0% increase over 2022 and the 2023 Budget, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the 2023 Minnesota Rural Water Assn dues $420 and send a support letter for their help with the force main locating and training, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Vaudrin to approve the 2023 mileage reimbursement for Clerk April Serich $152.10 and Treasurer Mary Garner $596.20, seconded by Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried. John next month.

Motion by Zaren to adopt and approve Resolution #22-12-20 a resolution designating the Itasca Co. courthouse for the 2023 polling place for the City of Calumet regular election, seconded by Hernesman,

Upon vote taken, the following voted: For: Mayor Tuorila, Councilmembers Zaren, Hernesman and Vaudrin. Against: None. Absent: Councilmember Strand.

Discussed in person voting at the Greenway Township Hall. Several residents will be attending the Greenway Township annual meeting to discuss changing back to in person voting. Both the City of Calumet and the City of Marble would need to be involved in the decision-making process because it affects our residents also.

Motion by Tourila to approve and appoint the Scenic Range News Forum as the city’s legal newspaper with the 2023 rate at $7.00 per column inch for the first run and any subsequent runs will be $5.00 per column inch, seconded by Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the tower leases information. We will discuss more in January. We are in no hurry.

Motion by Tuorila to purchase a sander that is in good shape and no rust for the 2007 city pickup for $700 from Schwartz Construction, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the 2023 Municipal Prosecution agreement with the Itasca County Attorney for $1,000, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

JPJ Engineering, Joseph Pelawa sent an email stating that he looks forward to an opportunity to work with the city.

Clerk Serich was asked a question whether residents need to have garbage pick-up with Waste Management or can they haul it to the dump. Yes, for now. There is no ordinance stating that they need to have garbage pick-up now.

A resident asked about having the trees cut in front of the star and cross. No action taken.

Mayor Tuorila discussed the electric for the lights on Gary St with Ryan Sutherland. There will need to be a main breaker box for the streetlights and put extra outlets. Council agreed to the location on the corner of Gary St. and the north side of 2nd Ave. by the bench. Mayor Tuorila will let Ryan know.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted, Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk Tim Zaren, Mayor Pro-Tem