

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday November 19, 2024
2:00 P.M.

Mayor Tim Zaren led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Tim Zaren called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Tim Zaren, Councilmembers Dan Strand, Amanda Hernesman and Barbara Banks.
Absent: Nick Porter. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Treasurer Mary Garner, and Public Works Supervisor Bill Berger.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions of approve a zoning permit for Franklin Outdoor for a billboard by the old bank building, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Banks to approve the October regular meeting minutes, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Strand to approve the October Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$73,112.68, Disbursements \$65,999.58, Investments \$11,599.85 and total checking balance \$545,597.82, seconded by Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried. Strand will call and ask Sarah, Marble Clerk about WWTP bill.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Board: Strand reported that they discussed the funding for the arena cooling towers, new compressor and flat roof. It's an old building and still needs more work. The Rec Bd. owns the arena & needs to have a yearly audit costing \$15,000. Hockey and figure skating have started.

Cemetery Bd: No report.

WMMPB: Zaren reported that they discussed the pump storage project. They also want councils to designate representatives to the board before the 1st of the year. The WWMPB is a joint power board of 14 entities that meet and get involved in planning how mining property is used, is involved in the Hwy #169 project, and have speakers and legislators at times. They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in Marble City Hall. Newly elected Council member Steve Serich was appointed to the board.

Discussion about changing the council meeting time next year to accommodate more people.

Motion by Strand to change the council meetings to 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting January 2025, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

The council approved a work session meeting with Alan Johnson about city hall/library projects on Friday November 22 @ 10:30 a.m. in the council room.

Public Works Report: Supervisor Bill Berger stated that he had been picking up garbage last week. JR Wastewater did not come back yet to put a camera down the sewer line by Dave Chupurdia's. The big sweeper is not running, and he will try to figure out the problem. A cutting edge is needed. Discussed a snowblower for the John Deere track hoe. We would need to have a safety survey done. The price is approximately \$12,000. Bill will contact Jolene about the OSHA grant.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Shut-offs: 20 shut-off letters were sent. Lee Ramsey was shut off. We need to check on the water at the old Calumet Chev building. Bill can call the Nashwauk PD to go there with him.

Update on Blight: We went over the list of blight and Strand said to tell the Nashwauk PD to tow the white car in his alley. Discussed the Taylor residence. Tickets should be issued. Darland's property was mowed 3 times.

Update on Radio Tower: The closing date is November 21. The money will be put into an escrow account with the title company until SBA makes a payment to the new owners. Clerk Serich will set up a meeting with Park State Bank and the LMC 4M Fund to discuss the options for the tower money. The council decided to not turn on the star and the cross since it's getting harder to see it because of the trees growing up. The electricity is hooked up at the tower building.

Update on Bank Building: The person interested in buying the bank building for a coffee shop has decided not to purchase the building so the council will advertise selling it. Sarah Carling can help with the information.

New Business:

Motion by Strand to approve the payment \$26,881 for the Meyer Group facility study & roof design and bid process, seconded by Banks, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the hiring of Jessica Hoshal and Megan Hansen for part-time cleaning positions and subbing for other cleaners, we will keep the rest of the applications on file, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to discontinue charging Terry Markovich \$45 per month water & sewer if he pays the balance of \$180, seconded by Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the RAMS nominations. The council did not nominate anyone.

Discussed IRN Dwayne Wollack putting in cameras and a new server at the pump house for \$12,350.46 under the MDH grant. Tabled and we will look into other installers. Mary Garner will help locate some.

John Dimich is retiring as attorney and the council will need to look for a replacement criminal attorney.

John Linder, Itasca County Emergency Management Director applied for \$5,000 in ARP grant funding for the city to have their fire/tornado siren hooked up to the county.

Motion by Hernesman to approve a \$25 zoning permit for a billboard on city property by the old bank building, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Serich will set up a final 2025 budget & levy meeting in December.

Hernesman left the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Mike Troop, future mayor stated that the fire department will deliver Christmas candy bags on Sat. or Sun. Dec. 14th or 15th and Clerk Serich will put it in the newsletter.

The library will have Santa & Mrs. Claus as well as Buddy the Elf upstairs on Mon. December 2nd 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m. Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Tim Zaren, Mayor