

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday March 18, 2025
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Mike Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mike Troop called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Troop, Councilmembers Dan Strand, Barbara Banks and Steve Serich. Absent: Amanda Hernesman. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Treasurer Mary Garner, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal, Engineer Alan Johnson, and NPD Lee Longoria.

Motion by Troop to approve the agenda with the additions of approve Mayor's Assn dues \$30, approve the apartment above the post office as a one bedroom only rental, discuss and approve Resolution #25-3-18-2 a resolution to declare a vacancy in Amanda Hernesman's council position for non-attendance of meetings and fill the position at the next council meeting, seconded by Serich, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Troop to approve the February reg. meeting minutes with the correction of 3rd Tuesdays instead of 3rd Thursdays of the month for regular council meetings seconded by Strand, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Strand to approve the February Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$27,237.43, Disbursements \$82,565.30, Investments \$12,602.86 and total checking balance \$227,915.73, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried. Correction-remove \$1,000 for Sick Leave in disbursements.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Comments and Requests from the floor: Evan Petz requested that the city allow a community garden to be made available. Discussion about what other areas are doing and what spots are available as well as how it would work to lease out beds and water, etc. There are grants that can be applied for. Mary Garner will send him the information from Remer's community garden.

Motion by Troop to approve a Community Garden up to ½ acre by 3rd Ave or 8th Ave which are the best spots, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried. Evan will work with Clerk Serich on funding. Complaint about rabbits in a cage in the back yard at 632 6th Ave. They are okay to have since they are pets and not farm animals.

Greenway Recreation Board: Strand reported that they are applying for \$30,000 funding for the front doors of the arena that are rotted and rusted out. The skating show had a nice turnout. The ice is being taken out and baseball signups start online April 1st.

Cemetery Bd: Meeting was canceled because of a snowstorm.

WMMPB: Serich reported that the 4-lane highway group talked to the legislature. There is no pumping of the Canisteo yet because they are working on a filter system so they can pump year-round. The city will be going to the Hill Annex Museum on March 31 and April 2 to remove the items that we asked for to display in the city.

Library: Librarian Melanie Lefebvre reported that there were 42 kids for the St. Patrick's Day event. The library is receiving money and donations for the March food drive. Pickleball has brought in \$400 & Love your Library \$330. Elder Circle paid for the BUNN Coffeemaker. The Easter Bunny is coming in April.

Public Works Report: Bob Hoshal stated that they bought paint for the curbs. They are doing spring maintenance on the dump truck and the street sweeper is running good. They will be fixing the dugouts soon. They will put up the signs from IRRR by the city hall and around projects in town. They will check on the street & stop signs in town that need fixing. We had a Wellhead Protection meeting with Jolene from MNRW and she will help with grant funding for safety equipment-tripod, harnesses and flammable storage rack.

Police Report: Nashwauk PD Lee Longoria discussed the parking tickets that had been given out for parking on Gary St. between 2 a.m.- 7a.m. There is one sign up by the HRA housing that states NO Parking Nov.-April. In the past it was only enforced when there were snow events.

Motion by Troop to approve and adopt Resolution #25-3-18 a resolution to remove calendar parking on Gary St., seconded by Serich, upon vote taken, for: Troop, Strand, Banks and Serich. Opposed: none, Absent Hernesman. Resolution was duly passed and adopted.

The city will keep the 12-hour parking limit on all streets and the one sign will be removed also.

Discussed the Taylor property on 7th Ave. It is full of debris and overflowing into the alleys. Motion by Troop to allow Clerk Serich to contact the attorney and building inspector about it being a hazardous building, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Engineer: Alan Johnson from Bolten & Menk discussed the updated costs for the city projects that are on the PPL list. We can relist them for 2026 by early May. Projects have to be listed on the Project Priority List for WIF grants. He also discussed the lead inventory Phase II-no money would come out of the city's pocket to replace lead and galvanized. There would be no cost to the homeowners either.

Motion by Strand to approve a financial review with Bolten & Menk approximate cost of \$800- \$1,000 and to re-apply to PPL for Water Utility projects with updated costs from 2022 as well as approving the lead & galvanized piping replacement, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Serich will work with Alan on this.

The Cannabis Ordinance was tabled for reviewing at a later date.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Shut-offs: 14 statement letters were sent out.

Chris Miller has someone living in his house on 5th Ave. and he does not have a rental license. Clerk Serich will check into this and send out information.

Update on Blight: discussed the need for a prosecuting attorney.

Update on Radio Tower: We are still waiting for SBA to make a payment to EIP.

Update on the city hall/library project: We had a pre-construction meeting on March 12th with Range Cornice and Meyer Group. Terry Marty suggested that we do not put the fire siren back up on the new roof. We will check into getting a new smaller one that can attach to the building.

New Business:

Motion by Strand to submit a letter of interest for Blandin Foundation money for city projects, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the 2025 LMC Worker's Compensation dues \$4,582, seconded by Serich, motion carried.

Motion by Troop to approve the estimate of \$20,123.63 for Julie's Jungle slide, and wood fiber replacement and Midwest Playscapes installation \$16,500, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the ball field updates-paint & fix dugouts, straighten up fencing and fixing up field using the Blandin grant money. Schwartz will bring 2 loads of dirt mix.

Motion by Troop to approve the OSHA training for Bob & Bill in Cohasset on April 17th, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Troop to approve LMC Safety & Loss Control Workshop April 22 in Virginia \$20 each for Bob & Bill, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve \$250 for First Call for Help services, seconded by Banks, all in favor, M/C. Discussed city personnel policy and handbook. We will set up a special meeting for the 1st or 3rd week of the month to discuss what we want in the handbook.

Motion by Troop to approve a letter of support for Greg Stolz Itasca County Environmental Services for recycling and reusing of items at the land fill, seconded by Serich, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed Calumet Clean up Days. The council approved Clerk Serich to check the schedule of dates and prices with Waste Management for dumpsters.

Motion by Strand to approve and adopt Resolution #25-3-18-2, a resolution declaring a vacancy in Amanda Hernesman's council member position for non-attendance and to fill the position at the next council meeting, seconded by Banks, upon vote taken, for: Troop, Strand, Banks and Serich. Opposed: none, Absent Hernesman. Resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Troop to approve the rental license for the apartment above the post office as a one bedroom only with the approval of the building inspector because there is no room for an egress window in the current bedroom on the city hall side of the building and inspections will need to be made to make sure it is not used for a bedroom, seconded by Serich, all in favor, M/C.

Discussed the front steps railing is broke and rusted out at the base. Motion by Troop to get a quote from Mike McCarrol to fix it and if it is under \$1,000 Clerk Serich can approve it, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried. The hand railings inside going upstairs are loose also.

Mayor Troop adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Mike Troop, Mayor