

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting  
Calumet City Council Room  
Tuesday May 20, 2025  
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Mike Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mike Troop called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Troop, Councilmembers Dan Strand, Barbara Banks and Steve Serich. Absent: Nick Porter. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Treasurer Mary Garner, Public Works Bill Berger and NPD Lee Longoria.

Motion by Serich to approve the additions to the agenda-add discuss and approve a zoning permit for 2013 Gary Street for a fence Lloyd Gilbertson, discuss and approve getting rid of surplus kitchen inventory, and discuss and approve the removal of rocks across from Julie's Jungle on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the April reg. & April 21 & 28 special meeting minutes, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the April Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$2,244,527.91, Disbursements \$494,233.51, Investments \$12,606.56 and total checking balance \$1,925,344.83, CD's \$1.4 Million, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried. The sale of the Radio Tower is done.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports:**

Police Report: NPD Lee Longoria discussed the lengthy list of violations and notices that were sent, and they are continually working on ordinance enforcement. Strand brought up that 546 5<sup>th</sup> Ave has many vehicles and 2 enduro cars. A notice will be sent that only 4 vehicles are allowed per residence, and they need to be licensed and operable. Clerk Serich will contact the landlord who is responsible for the property also. Clerk Serich will check to see what other cities do about enduro cars.

Comments and Requests from the floor: none.

Greenway Recreation Board: Strand stated that he did not make the meeting.

Cemetery Bd: Banks stated that she did make the meeting.

WWTPB: Banks and Strand did not make the meeting.

WMMPB: Serich reported that there was a discussion about the Hwy#169 major improvement project but no new information on state funding. There was a general agreement that priority should focus on the two-lane sections from east of Taconite to the west side of Marble and from Pengilly baseball field toward Calumet. Major areas of challenge include Mud Lake and Calumet. MNDOT plans to have more meetings. They discussed that the former Hill Annex Mine State Park Clubhouse items have been disbursed to several local government units and organizations and other various park assets will be disbursed in the future.

Public Works Report: Bill reported that he still has the tin roof left to do on the dugouts at the ballfield. Bill will ask Greenway Township to dig out the ditches by Corey St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and Morgan St. it has not been done since 2019. JK Wastewater is jetting sewer lines on the south side of town. Bill will get an estimate from Iron Oaks fencing for straightening and replacing some of the fences at the ballfield. Chemicals will be sprayed on the infield as well.

Library: Librarian Melanie Lefebvre reported that the Annual Tea Party Fundraiser raised over \$1,000 and there were 101 people in attendance. The Calumet Saloon donated \$1,000 to the library also. The Bake and Garage sale fundraiser brought in over \$1,000. There will be a Community Potluck Picnic on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Take a Five Park as well as a free concert to enjoy. Hot dogs and supplies will be provided. Melanie discussed that she would like to work less hours this summer. It would help with the budget. She is looking into grants for new computers and chairs. The library will be selling tickets for a Cash Raffle fundraiser. Winners will be drawn at the Kid's and Cars Event Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:**

Utility Shut Offs: No total available.

Update on Blight: Nuisance code violations were discussed with NPD, and garbage on Gary St.

Update on Tower Sale: The city discussed the 1 million to be put into the 4MFund and \$400,000 to be put into Park State Bank CD for 9 months at 4.15% and then in March payoff the loan.

**New Business:**

Motion by Strand to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> payment to Range Cornice for \$100,000 for the roof, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Serich will check on the cost reduction of the fire siren not going back on the roof and the sidewalk needing repair.

Motion by Troop to approve the Federal 115 db Omnidirectional Mechanical Siren for \$13,172 and \$14,345 for installation on 50' Class 2 wood pole with 4 deep cycle batteries, furnish/install electrical accessories for 120V operation of siren, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve a zoning permit for David Estey at 207 Buckmaster Rd. for a 24x24 garage, seconded by Serich, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Troop to **NOT** approve a zoning permit for Lloyd Gilbertson at 1013 Gary St. for a fence. The fence cannot be in the right of way and has to be 6 inches from the property line and they will need to have the property lines surveyed before they bring a new drawing to the council for approval, and make sure they call before you dig before installing a fence, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

The MN Dept. of Revenue will hold the annual Mineral Hearing on unmined iron ore assessments on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cleanup Days workers: Steve Serich Friday, Sat. Sun. & Mon. Mike Troop Sat. 8-12, Barbara Banks Sat. 12-2, Larry Pitts 2-4 and Dan Strand Sun. 8-1. Clerk Serich will tell the cops to patrol also.

Motion by Troop to allow Dave Olson Red Rock Auto to put a shipping container for storage on the back side of his shop, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to allow the rocks to be removed from east of Julie's Jungle and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. and they will need to sign a liability waiver, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to get rid of the surplus kitchen inventory-dishes, etc. seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Banks brought up that she talked to her neighbor Gary Larvingson about moving his boat by Hwy#169 and keeping his yard clean. She also talked to Park State Bank about the sign up by the old bank building and they do not have letters for the sign. Mn Power could possibly help with an electronic sign.

Mayor Troop adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Mike Troop, Mayor