

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday June 17, 2025
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Mike Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mike Troop called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

Motion by Troop to approve the additions to the agenda-add change to agreement with Hawk Construction, discuss culvert collapse at Dave Estey's on Buckmaster Rd. and discuss and approve a zoning permit for Kristi Serich at 441 Morgan St. for fence panels, seconded by Porter, all in favor, MC.

Motion by Strand to approve the May reg. meeting minutes, seconded by Banks, all in favor, MC.

Motion by Strand to approve the May Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$19,836.73, Disbursements \$1,593,519.33, Investments \$1,412,945.02 and total checking balance \$354,656.63, savings, park purchases and roof, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Police Report: NPD Lee Longoria was not able to attend but sent information that 23 blight notices were sent out and the 2nd checks were done. Citations will be next.

Comments and Requests from the floor: A letter of Intent was received from Mari Jo & Greg Anderson with a Hematite Coffee shop business proposal with a sample menu.

Motion by Porter to approve the use of a portion of the bank building for a coffee, etc. shop with the intent of coming up with an agreement at a later date.

A request from Melanie Lefebvre Librarian to use the bank parking lot for a farmer's market type event.

Motion by Troop to approve the use of the bank building parking lot for a market event on Thursdays 2-6 p.m., seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Evan Petz discussed the Community Garden and what is needed. Committee, rules, location, possible tree removal, fence, water source, etc. The library plans to have classes on gardening and cooking foods from the garden and grow pumpkins for library events.

Motion by Porter to approve forming a committee, set up rules and use of the property at 902 Gary St. for a community garden.

Greenway Recreation Board: Strand reported that the Hockey clinic is going on with the summer ice, Blandin approved a grant for ADA front doors at the arena for \$75,000 and Pat Guyer is retiring at the end of the year.

Cemetery Bd: Porter stated that at the April meeting they approved hiring summer help and raising the wages. The next meeting is on the 18th.

WWTPB: Banks stated that she showed up, but no one else was there for the meeting.

WMMPB: Serich reported that there was no quorum for a meeting.

Public Works Report: Bill reported that the kids started playing ball a couple of weeks ago. There was a water leak at 340 3rd Ave. Sarah Hamilton. The water was shut off. She does not live there anymore.

He shut the water off at the Hill Annex and also the fire hydrant by there. He has been cleaning up after the storm. There was a tree down on the road to the tower. He flushed the fire hydrants with Nick Matanich also. The council thanked Bill for doing a good job by himself and said the ballfield looks nice.

Library: Mary Garner, President of the Library Board reported that the 613 and Preschool Story Hour and other summer programs have started. The free community picnic is Tuesday, June 24th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Take A Five Park. There was a discussion about the Grand Rapids Library requesting \$500,000 from the county. The Arrowhead Library Directory gave a presentation to the county explaining things.

Motion by Strand to approve Resolution #25-06-17 a resolution approving the off-site gambling event for Community Charities of MN for the library cash raffle at the Kids and Cars in the Park event by the

Depot, seconded by Porter, upon vote taken, for: Troop, Strand, Banks, Serich and Porter. Opposed: none. Resolution was duly passed and adopted.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Shut Offs: 12 late notice statements were sent out.

Update on Blight: Nuisance code violations were discussed. Motion by Troop to start the next step in the process to demolish the burned house at 754 7th Ave. because they have not done anything, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Update on the city hall/library project: Motion by Troop to change the agreement with Hawk Construction by eliminating #4 and #7 because there was an error in the calculations for the amount of money to use, the total would be \$551,500, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried. We can apply for more funding next year and finish the projects then.

Update on the Bank Building: Clerk Serich will be meeting with IRRR to discuss grants.

New Business:

Motion by Troop to approve the advertising for a cleaning person for \$15 an hour up to 7 hours a week, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Banks to approve the library kids and cars in the park to use the Depot building, mine park and streets for the event on August 23, 2025, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Porter to approve the purchase of a new computer for the clerk's office, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve Clerk Serich's mileage reimbursement of \$259, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the letter from Itasca County about the tax forfeit property in Calumet go up for sale on auction. Clerk Serich will check to see if the city could purchase the property next to the pump house.

A thank you was received from Day of Caring.

Discussed the culvert collapse at Dave Estey's property on Buckmaster Rd. It needs to be replaced. Dave will try to find one and help with replacing it. Motion by Troop to approve the purchase of a culvert if needed, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Troop to approve a zoning permit for Kristi Serich at 441 Morgan St. to put up some fence panels along her garage and alley, seconded by Serich, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed Red Rock Auto accumulating many items including trucks and snowmobiles.

Discussed the Old Calumet Chev property accumulating many vehicles, boats, and a frame sitting by the highway possibly in the right of way. Both of these properties were on the blight violation list and notices were sent from NPD.

Motion by Troop to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2025, seconded by Serich, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Mike Troop, Mayor