

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday June 18, 2024
2:00 P.M.

Mayor John Tuorila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor John Tuorila called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Tuorila, Councilmembers Tim Zaren, Dan Strand and Nick Porter. Absent: Amanda Hernesman. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal, Public Works MW Bill Berger, Library Director Melanie Lefebvre, & Engineer Alan Johnson.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions-Approve the Kids & Cars in the Park event Sat. Aug. 24th and the use of the Depot, mine park, streets, utilities and beer garden, approve adding a flagpole in the cement between the steps and the post office, approve contacting David Drown Associates about the tower money and investing, seconded Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the May regular meeting minutes, seconded by Porter, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Strand to approve the May Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$83,366.81, Disbursements \$38403.04, Investments \$9,844.28 and total checking balance \$357,534.00, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried. The City of Calumet received \$65,000 in County ARPA funds.

Motion by Strand to approve and adopt Resolution #24-06-18, a resolution approving the off-site gambling activity for the Pengilly Booster Club on August 24, 2024, at the Kids and Cars in the Park event, seconded by Porter, upon vote taken, For: Tuorila, Zaren, Strand and Porter, Opposed: none. Absent: Hernesman. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Zaren to approve and adopt Resolution #24-06-18-2, a resolution approving the moving of DNR mining equipment to city property, seconded by Tuorila, upon vote taken, For: Tuorila, Zaren, Strand and Porter, Opposed: none. Absent: Hernesman. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Joss Parantala and Tyler Perry introduced themselves as the potential new temporary enforcement officers for Calumet, Marble and Itasca County.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd. Strand reported that roller skating starts July 12. Hockey school is going on now. The compressor is working well.

Cemetery Bd: Nick Porter reported that the meeting is tonight.

WMMPB: Tuorila and Zaren reported that the highway #169 improvement project was discussed. There is \$12 million for the planning and they are not sure how to spend it. Loren Solberg is heading up a coalition for Hwy #169.

Mayor Tuorila attended the RAMS meeting, and the Ambulance Board mtg. Nashwauk will receive \$150,000 from the State of MN. Some members want to pay their fair share, and some don't.

Greenway Joint Fire Board: Zaren reported that a couple new people were hired. There were only 2 calls in Calumet this quarter. The receipt of the new fire truck is extended one more year to Aug. 2025. They will need a new fire chief at the end of the year. The city needs to let them know when we want them to deliver Christmas candy. The department received \$3,500 for turn out gear.

Library Report: Melanie Lefebvre, library director, reported that there will be a community potluck picnic on June 25th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Take a Five Park. The library will be holding a cash raffle at the Kid's and Cars in the Park event on Aug. 24th at 3:00 p.m. in the mine park/depot area. The summer reading program is starting soon.

Comments as complaints from the floor: JoDee Lopez, Spartan Soccer Coordinator requested to use the ball field for a home field for soccer players from across the range. They would need 120 yards by 100 yards. They possibly would use it for summer and fall programs and for older kids as well. The council approved having it measured to see if it would work. She is also asking Keewatin to use theirs.

David Olson from Red Rock Auto discussed his business and the notices he received about blight and vehicles parked on residential property. He stated that he needs to take time off from work to attend the council meetings. He will move the vehicles to commercial property. The council stated that he needs to keep them lined up in an orderly manner, clean up around the trailer and garage, and also remove the fence posts and barrels.

Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineer: gave an update on Gary St. Casper is going to do the utilities first and the completion date is still August 2, 2024. Discussion about replacing one block of the water main from 4th Ave to 3rd Ave. approximate cost \$85,000. We need a shut off valve on 4th Ave and one on 3rd Ave. The city could possibly get more money from IRRR or a loan. Alan will check to see when the city is required to pay the county for this project. We don't have to worry about paying the engineer fees right away.

Motion by Zaren to approve change order #1 with the county for adding one block of new water line from 4th to 3rd Ave. seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Works Report: Bob Hoshal reported that Mn Rural Water has been helping him and Bill with the lead and copper pipe reports going door to door around town.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Shut-offs: 16 shut-off letters were sent. Discussion about door hanger fees. Clerk Serich will bring it up at the next meeting. The council stated that the clerk needs to shut the water off when people don't pay on time.

Update on Blight: The council looked at the pictures that were received from the community service officers. Rodney Garner has blight all over his yard and unlicensed vehicles. Notices will be sent.

Update on Radio Tower: The sale is still in the due diligence period. Discussion about the need for a financial manager. The council approved the Treasurer and Clerk to contact our banks and David Drown Associates to help us with receiving that large amount of money.

Discussed the concerns the city has about the mining at the Hill Annex. Dust, water, streets, and noise.

New Business:

Motion by Tuorila to appoint Tyler Perry and Joss Parantala as temporary community service officers for blight, etc. in the city, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the mileage reimbursement for Mayor John Tuorila for \$294.80, seconded by Porter, Tuorila abstained, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the Mn Association of Small Cities dues for \$286.00, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

The MN State Demographer 2023 annual estimate for population is 329 and households are 146.

A thank you was received from First Call for Help.

Motion by Porter to approve the Kid's and Cars in the Park event and the use of the Depot, parks, streets, electric and for the Calumet Saloon to have a beer garden at the park, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve putting a flagpole between the post office and city hall steps, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried. We need to order the pole and get it ready for cement pouring.

The 2023 session appropriation is \$2,537, New 2024 One time appropriation is \$11,366 and 2024 Certified LGA appropriation is \$124,537. July payment will be \$74,903 and Dec. payment will be \$63,537 for a total of \$138,440.

Mayor Tuorila asked Clerk Serich to have the minutes ready by Thursday before the meeting.

Mayor John Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor