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## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 12, 2021

Attending: Mayor Jeff Ramsley; Council Members: Edie More, Joan Proehl, Richard Staloch Lon Stenzel via zoom.  
City Staff: **City Maint.-** John Hawker, Saxon Warmka; **Police Chief** –Ben Standahl; **City Clerk** - Dawn Whitehead; **Mn Lake Fire Dept**-Dave Malakowsky; **Mn Lake Ambulance:** Dave Radtke;  
Others via Zoom: **Mn Lake Tribune**-Tanya Nichols  
Citizens: Tara Garbes Tru Realty

Jeff Ramsley, Edie More and Lon Stenzel swore their Oaths of Office.

Mayor Ramsley called to order the Regular City Council meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Tara reviewed the offers to the City Lots on Marples Ave. She did disclose to the out of town buyer that she personally is putting an offer on lot next to her property. Miller Homes offer is six separate offers. Garbes' have offer on 12 Marples for \$8,500, waiving commission on purchase. Nordaas has two offers, one offer for 5 lots and one offer for 3 lots. Miller's Homes is purchasing lots in Mapleton to build spec homes and intends to build spec, on-grade slab here. Miller also has submitted an offer for each of the 5 lots. Nordaas does not want to build spec homes, wants to have lots for prospective clients. Tara review the "Net Sheet" she submitted reviewing the various scenarios of accepting the offers. Richard asked about the commission calculation and Tara explained that for lower priced properties is that there are still fees associated with listing and also commission is split with buyer's agent. Council discussed property development and costs on City lots south of Marples Ave, currently rented by Bill Daly.

Sewer and water is stubbed in to new street behind Marples. Lift station is ready for 12 more residents. Richard asked if the school was torn down would the City acquire the lots/property? Richard stated that the City has first rights to the baseball field.

Jeff stated he is closing the meeting at 6:35 pm for Council to discuss the property options that are on the table.

Jeff re-opened the meeting.

**Joan motioned to approve the sale of the City lot at 12 Marples Ave to Eric and Tara Garbes for \$8,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lon, motioned carried.**

**Richard motioned to counter the offer from Nordaas American Homes for the sale of the 5 City lots on Marples Ave for \$45,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edie, motioned carried.**

Clerk will contact Frundt about adding a year to the covenant requirement to build within two years.

**Fire Department (FD)-** Chief Dave Malakowsky stated grants for Dryer and Bin Rescue Tube have been submitted.

**Fire Calls:** Med. assist - 0, Fire calls- 1, Vehicle Accident – 1

**Community Service:** Santa Claus Day in town on December 19. Very good turnout and ran out of bags from Lions Club and used parade candy.

**Truck /Station Repairs:** Walls and flooring are removed in the meeting room; some glue remains yet but hopefully finish it this week. FD will be Seeking bids on Grass rig replacement. Received bid on flatbed deck with toolboxes from Crysteel MFG.

**Training for the month:** Alex Air – New Jaws Tools

**251 Pump replacement:** Bill and Tim Daly agreed on letting the Fire Department use their farm shop (Old Berry truck shop) in town for the replacement process of 251 and Kirvida Fire Inc. will start on 1-11 to 1-15-21 for installation of Pump, Transmission, and Foam injector.

**Replacement Radios:** Hennepin County has 70 Motorola XTS they will be giving away. They need programing and batteries. Requested 5 and waiting to hear back.

**Joan motioned to approve ad in paper for request volunteer firefighters, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.**

**Grant Committee:**

DNR (VFA) Grant – Awarded \$5000 – Purchasing 10 new pagers.  
Gear Dryer Grant – Grant Submitted , match of \$500  
Grain Bin Rescue Tube – Not selected

**Ambulance Department (AMB)** – Captain Dave Radtke stated November had 21calls, 19 BLS Calls, 2 ALS Calls, 471.40 billable miles. Total calls in 2020 were 143, a new record high, 60% to nursing home. No COVID update.

Some AMB staff have taken the 1<sup>st</sup> COVID vaccine shot – about 60% of members.

Equipment Update: Life Pack 15 is no longer supported; it has Pulse OX challenges, new cable ordered.

Had issues with cot but was able to cycle 'bad' battery back to life.

Leadership training- All four (4) officers have completed training – 1<sup>st</sup> service in state to do so.

A year ago AMB started 'Breathe, Arrive, Stay Alive'. Improved response time to 5:15 min. – which is half of what it was.

Staffing Update: 4 current drivers starting a EMR course, 1 EE out for COVID protocol, 2 out on med. LOA.

New Applicant -Thomas Anderson Background check complete- currently an LPN.

**Joan made a motion to approve Thomas Anderson's ambulance application, 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard, motion carried.**

**Police Department (PD)** – Chief Standahl stated there were 93 calls for service in December.

Ben Attended a Use of Force Training in Wells and a Traffic Court appearance via zoom.

Received an application for part time officer - Vincent Do. Winnebago PD is his current agency. He has all equipment, background, psych, medical on file with WPD there would be no cost. Spoke with the WPD Chief and he has no issues if Vincent were to be employed here. **Richard made a motion to approve the part-time Police Officer application for Vincent Do, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edie, motion carried.**

Ben submitted an ordinance change to the Police Committee on changing language for Offender residency restrictions rewritten by Frundt, and an addition of a rental housing inspection ordinance that has been reviewed by City Attorney. Ben will submit to Council a current fee schedule as well as a proposed one.

Received and forwarded quote from Hawk Alarm for Kremer House alarm/video system. The quote is comprehensive but can be trimmed down. This is a stand-alone camera system, where monitoring will be done on site or city hall. It includes door and window alarms which would be an auto on/off or able to be turned off at the door and temperature alarms so if it gets too cold or too hot John and Saxon would be notified.

DLA Program, Federal program called the 1033 program aka federal surplus property. Law Enforcement Agencies can request items from federal/state surplus. MLPD had previously acquired a rifle through this program. Items with this program are on loan to agencies at no cost. Faribault County had requested an armored Humvee, but it wasn't what they wanted, so they asked if MLPD would be interested. This would be utilized for disasters such as blizzards & tornadoes, search & rescue operations, and it is big enough for a person on a backboard and EMTs, so if the need ever arises it could be used in transporting sick/injured persons to our ambulance from a location where our ambulance can't get to. Lastly, this would be a vehicle that could be used in the event the squad car is out of service for any period of time. This is an ex-military Humvee so things such as emergency lighting, and markings would be needed however sourcing needed items from other agencies. Edie asked how much to cost to get it how Ben wants it? **Richard made a motion to accept the Humvee that the Sheriff's Department has donated, seconded by Edie, motion carried.**

Ben will put ad in paper to reminder residents about our animal ordinance and making sure their dogs are licensed, leashed and that their owners pick up after their dogs when they are on a walk.

Utilizing League of Minnesota Cities Police Officer online training. In the past year, with COVID many trainings are a hybrid of online training and video. There is a cost of \$90 per officer where MLPD is their primary agency (4) the PD does receive reimbursement for training expenses.

**Councilmember Joan motioned to approve online training, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard, motioned carried.**

**Public Works /Parks (PW)** – Saxon stated they ordered 8 more water meters as peoples’ meters go bad, and have quite a few to put in. Water plant is being painted by Robert Jacobsen. Water and Wastewater School in March in St Cloud has been postponed. Saxon is on the waiting list for classes but depends on attendee limit allowance. Otherwise may have to wait until September for classes and test. Put tires on bobcat and it works well now.

Revisiting getting bagger for the Zero-turn lawn mower. Kibble price was \$4,500, but funds can be pulled from Bobcat fund that was earmarked with \$10,000. **Edie made a motion to approve the purchase of a bagger for the lawn mower, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan, motion approved.**

**Kremer House**— Now open to 25% capacity.

**Clerk’s Report**– City received its first US Solar credit. The Xcel credit amount was \$483.27 and the total US Solar invoice was \$436.49, for a savings of \$46.78.

Auditors will be in office for fieldwork on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Re-scheduled presentation for March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Received 2<sup>nd</sup> half payment of LGA of \$93,823.

The Office will be closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> from 10a-1p for the first REV meeting.

Richard passed out a map of Mark Gregor’s property that runs along Hwy 22 and Date Street. Shawn Volk has asked if he could build a shed there. He doesn’t own it yet but is asking if the City would re-zone it, as it is zoned R-2. Richard has told him that if he doesn’t own the property the City can’t grant him any permissions, however if Mark Gregor applied for the conditional use permit, it would transfer when sold. There is currently no road and this would not be City’s expense, and sewer and water are only to Lake Ave. Edie stated the City can’t do anything until he owns it and Richard stated he has told him that.

**Consent Agenda:**

Gary Jensen –116 Lake Ave E - remove siding and shingles – n/c

Rob & Stacey Larson – 112 Lake Ave E – replace windows – n/c

Resolution 2021-1 committee assignments will stay the same and City will continue to look people for open positions.

**Richard motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, including Resolution 2021-1, Resolution 2021-2, Resolution 2021-3, December 8, 2020 Meeting minutes, Receipts, Claims paid and Claims to be paid (Councilmember More reviewed), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan, motion carried.**

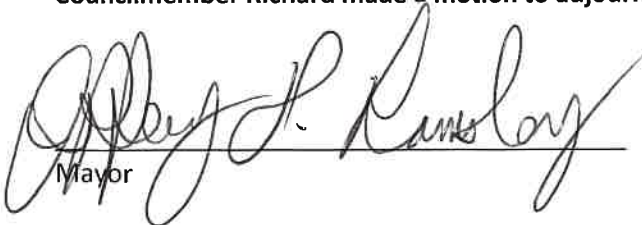
Jeff requested a report that separates the Enterprise Funds from the other General Fund reports.


**New Business:**

Jeff wants Bevcomm to finish the fiber optics in the other part of town. Jeff asked Dawn to invite Bevcomm to come to a meeting.

The February meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Councilmember Richard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edie motion carried unanimously.**

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk/Treasurer