

**APPROVED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2021**

Attending: Mayor Jeff Ramsley; Council Members: Edie More, Joan Proehl, Richard Staloch Lon Stenzel via zoom.
City Staff: **City Maint.-** John Hawker, **City Clerk -** Dawn Whitehead; **Mn Lake Fire Dept-**Dave Malakowsky; **Mn Lake Ambulance:** Dave Radtke;
Others: **Maple River Messenger-**Tamara Dicks; via Zoom: **Mn Lake Tribune-**Tanya Nichols
Bevcomm: Scott Linde; **Citizen:** Shawn Volk

Mayor Ramsley called to order the Regular City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor asked Scott Linde what Bevcomm's timeline was to complete the fiber optics installation for the rest of town. Scott stated that the Fed & State made a push to get everyone a 25MB service so they had to shift gears and get underserved areas serviced. The approx. 175 residences left in town will be done this summer.

Shawn Volk spoke about a property between Hwy 22 & Date St that he is interested in acquiring and putting a shop, storage unit business. He wants to buy the whole 6.5 acres put a house on eventually. Richard stated it would need a street and probably sewer and water if street is going in. It would need to be re-zoned and a conditional use permit issued for a commercial business. Shawn stated he didn't know if MnDOT would allow an access off of Hwy 22. Jeff stated homeowners are responsible for all utility costs from the street to his property. John stated the water and sewer is stubbed to the ditch with a shut off. Shawn stated he'd have to put in a road the length of the property if MnDOT won't allow an access off Hwy 22. Dave M. stated for fire coverage it would have to be drop tank. Richard stated the City Attorney suggested that Mark Gregor apply for the conditional use permit and it would transfer at time of sale. Jeff mentioned that the area would have to be mowed as it can't be left to the weeds. Jeff asked for a drawing of the building, where the house will be and what is happening with property in between, and contact MnDOT for clarification for entrance on Hwy 22. Lon suggested putting an access along the back side of the property that runs along the west side of the residences on Date St. Richard stated for a conditional use permit neighbors within 350 feet need to be notified as well.

Fire Department (FD)- Chief Dave Malakowsky reviewed bills for the month: Kirvida Fire pump replacement & general maintenance on #251-\$2,154.72, SASCs Training- Grain Bin, Ropes and Knots and OSHA Refresher - \$2,300.

Truck #251 Repair Totals – Pump/Trans/Foam = \$33,500.38 + Valves = \$2,998.23 + Brakes and Relief valve kit = \$2,154.72 = \$38,653.33 ½ = \$19,326.67

Fire hall floor treatment – Garage Experts of So. Mn. for a cost of \$2430 (deposit \$1,215).

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

Community Service: Remodeling project of the Fire Hall meeting room.

Truck /Station Repairs: Meeting room remodel project-plan on studding the walls on 2/15, floor epoxy covering week of the 15th. Grass rig committee will be reaching final bids by next month's meeting.

251 Pump replacement: Was completed on 2-3-21, except for the pump pressure check, which will be completed in the spring. Items replaced pump/transmission, assorted valve assemblies, foam injector, brakes/pads/drums/brake chamber, steamer valves and indication lights, pump compartment heater, and pressure relief valve kit. They will be back in spring for pressure testing. **Joan made a motion to approve the increase for a new total of \$38,653.33, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.**

Training for the month: OSHA Refresher, Right To Know, BBP & SCBA Fit test.

Replacement Radios: Hennepin County has 70 Motorola XTS, requested 5 and waiting to hear back.

Approval – MedComm firefighter physicals are \$70/FF = \$1,400.

Edie motioned to approve physicals by Medcomm, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

Firefighter ad will run for one month for volunteers in the Mn Lake Trib and post cards will be sent throughout area.
Grant Committee: DNR (VFA) Grant – Awarded \$5000–10 pagers are ordered.

Gear Dryer Grant awarded \$4,930.20, matching of \$547.80

Ambulance Department (AMB) – Captain Dave Radtke stated December had 15 calls. No COVID update.

Equipment Update- Dave R attended an information webinar on the “Elegard” device and Dave R completed 4 of the Leadership Webinar series from Mn Board of Firefighter Training & Education (MBFTE).

Staffing Update: 5 currently in EMR course, wrap up in March. No EE out for COVID protocol, 1 out on med. LOA. Dave is still working on getting on townships’ agendas still.

Police Department (PD) – Council reviewed Chief Standahl’s report.

Public Works /Parks (PW)– The new snow blower was delivered and it works great. PW will get ad in the paper for sealed bids on old model. Six new dumpsters were ordered. The bagger for the zero turn mower was ordered and will be here at end of month.

Jeff suggested using the money for the sale of city lots for infrastructure. John would like to put a toe drain on the north side of the street, but still use existing curb on south side of street. Jason McCue asked if curb could be extended past his new building to Railway Dr. The 2-3 feet of the north side of street would need to be torn up. Lon suggested that a new main is needed down that street if the street is being dug up anyway. Edie asked if he would be responsible for any of the road conditions. John asked if an engineer might be necessary if we replace the water main. Jeff asked for estimates on project & engineer costs to determine a course of action. Joan asked if Park in front of church is in need of repair. John stated the streets next to be repaired were 1st & 2nd Streets.

Kremer House- No report.

Clerk’s Report–

Received \$8,270 from 2020 Levy ‘clean up’ amount.

Auditors will be in office for fieldwork on Feb. 24th-25th. Re-scheduled presentation for April 7th.

Consent Agenda: No Construction permits.

LMC Worker’s Comp 2/1/21-2/1/22- \$20,138, an increase of \$5,100 due to PTSD & payroll for PD.

Tri-city Quarter billing - \$12,855.15

Kirvida : FD 251Truck Repair #9353 - \$33,500.38, # 9369 - \$2,154.72, # 9354 - \$2,998.23

Richard made a motion to approve the LMC Worker’s Comp invoice, 2nd by Edie, motion carried.

Richard made a motion to approve the Tri-City Sewer invoice, 2nd by Joan, motion carried.

Edie motioned to approve, excluding the Work Comp, Tri-City, Kirvida invoices, the Consent Agenda, including Resolution 2021-7, January 12, 2020 Meeting minutes, Receipts, Claims paid and Claims to be paid (Joan Proehl reviewed), 2nd by Lon, motion carried.

New Business:

Jeff reviewed the new format of reports that separate out Levy and Enterprise accounts for clarity.

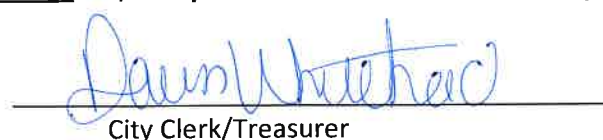
March meeting is on the 9th at 6:00 pm.

April Special Meeting – Auditor’s presentation – 7th @ 5:30 pm.

April Regular Council Meeting – 13th @ 6:00 pm.

Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM, 2nd by Edie motion carried unanimously.


Mayor


City Clerk/Treasurer