

City of Lake Bronson Council Minutes

October 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bruce Goldstrand called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Jim Erickson, Cindy Adams, Dan Goldstrand and Verlene Hill. City employees present were Bob Anderson and Sandy Lund. Public who were present were Darlene Brown, Lois Klegstad and Pat Stallock.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by D. Goldstrand, seconded by Erickson, to approve the August 17, 2015 council budget meeting minutes. **M/S/P – D. Goldstrand/Erickson/All.** A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Hill to accept the September 21, 2015 minutes with a clarification made about NKRW rate increase, and the ditch/culvert adjacent to Lot 9 on 3rd Ave. **M/S/P –Adams/Hill/All**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The clerk added a bill for the Fire Department. Adams added the School Gym and the culvert by the fire department.

CITIZENS CONCERNS:

- Lois Klegstad is concerned about the hole at the road crossing at Main Street and 2nd Street. The clerk will contact Kelly Bengtson and see if the county can do anything about it. A Motion was made by Erickson to fill the hole with cement if the county is not responsible to fix it, seconded by D. Goldstrand. **M/S/P –Erickson/D. Goldstrand/All.**
- Darlene Brown was concerned that the grass is so tall by Doug Norberg's that is hard to see around the corner of the road. The clerk will see who owns the property and contact them about mowing it. If they do not mow the grass, then the city will mow it and send them a bill.
- Pat Stallock's Revolving Loan was discussed and Pat would like the city to consolidate her loans into one loan and put the payments that are past do onto the end of the loan. D. Goldstrand made a motion to look into restructuring the loan to include the \$7,252.66 that is past due and adding it to the end of the loans, seconded by Hill. Adams abstained from this motion. **M/S/P –D. Goldstrand/Hill/ The motion was opposed by Erickson.** The clerk will contact Attorney Roger Malm to see if the loan can be restructured.

OLD BUSINESS:

- City Lawn mower;** Anderson received a quote for a new Altoz mower. The company will not take the old Dixon as a trade-in. Erickson suggested that Anderson contact Bob Olson in Karlstad to fix the Dixon this winter and sell it as-is. The city will wait until spring to purchase a mower. Tabled
- Doug Norberg's garbage in his back yard;** the clerk will contact Barb O'Hara and request the county garbage ordinance. Clerk will send Doug a letter with a copy of the ordinance and request he cleans it up. Darrin Foss's garbage was cleaned up.
- Ditch/culvert adjacent to Lot 9 on 3rd Ave.;** Hill stated the Leana Kowaliuk will not pursue this matter further.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heater at the School Gym;** the council was given a quote to fix or replace the heater at the School Gym from Bradley Glad. Adams made a motion to have Bradley Glad replace the school gym heater, Erickson seconded it. **M/S/P – Adams/Erickson/All.**
- Kittson County Museum donation;** Erickson made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Kittson County Museum, seconded by D. Goldstrand. Adams abstained from this motion. **M/S/P –Erickson/ D. Goldstrand/All.**
- Verlene Hill's water bill;** Erickson made a motion to change Verlene Hill's water meter and average her water bill for the last two months and have her pay for the remaining gallons at the same charge that NKRW charges the city, seconded by Adams. Hill abstained from this motion **M/S/P –Erickson/ Adams/All.**
- Road by the School;** Adams made a motion to contact Attorney G. Hanson to abandon the road that was relocated on West River Street on the east end, seconded by D. Goldstrand. **M/S/P – Adams/D. Goldstrand/All.**
- Water Shut off;** the clerk reported that there were no water shut offs for this month.
- George Hurt received a water line repair bill from Anderson Construction. Anderson talked to Hurt and Hurt said he will pay the bill.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Anderson reported the water lines and hydrants were flushed. Three hydrants need to be painted and a couple hydrants greased. The waste water samples were sent out. Anderson will discharge when the sample results are back. Dakota Pump will be in this month to check. The locks were changed on the pit, electrical box & lagoon. The Mayor will get a key for them. We have not got our MPCA permit yet. Grader is working well. Will get the mosquito sprayer out of the truck. Village square and Park bathrooms will be drained, meters removed and power shut off this week. Most mowing done for the year. Clerk will ask Judy Moss at the pantry to have the cement and flower pots behind the pantry removed. Need to put netting around new trees at the wayside rest. Will wash up equipment and prepare it for winter. Anderson will put more gravel

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in the hole by the Fire Department. Adams suggested that we call the police to drive by the school and walk-in if there is someone in there to see that everything is okay.

BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED: A motion was made by Adams to pay the Cities claims, seconded by Hill. **M/S/P – Adams/Hill/All**

FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED: A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Hill to pay the Fire Departments claim, **M/S/P – Adams/Hill/All**

ADJOURNMENT: D. Goldstrand made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Adams. **M/S/P –D. Goldstrand/Adams/All.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next Council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2015.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk