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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Cindy Adams, Jim Erickson, Dan Goldstrand and Joyce Storeby. Also present were city employees Megan Hanson and Jason Olson. Darlene Brown was also present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Clerk to discuss the Municipal Clerk & Finance Officers Association Conference and Adams to discuss ideas and plans for the city. **M/S/P - Goldstrand/Storeby** to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM: Clerk reported water shut-offs for the month. Hope Gonzalez appeared to ask if she could pay \$200 now and another \$100 on February 3 as she got behind with the holidays. Council agreed that was acceptable. Gonzalez left the meeting. Olson stated he would pay his bill in full on February 4.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS FOR 2013: Official Depositor: Prime Security Bank, Official Paper: North Star News, Treasurer: Catherine Englund, Attorney: Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm & Albrecht, Acting Fire Chief: Rod Sele, Wastewater Superintendent: Shaun Jevne & Jason Olson, Water Superintendent: Shaun Jevne & Jason Olson, Acting Mayor: Joyce Storeby, Water & Sewer: Bobby Schmiedeberg & Dan Goldstrand, Streets: Jim Erickson & Joyce Storeby, Community Projects: Joyce Storeby & Cindy Adams, Weed Inspector: Cindy Adams & Dan Goldstrand & Jason Olson. **M/S/P- Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve appointments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Erickson requested to add to the December 17, 2012 Minutes: that when Storeby asked the Improvement Committee to help with painting at the school gym they said no, and also that when Sandahl gave his farewell comments that he felt as though there was a conflict of interest in Schmiedeberg being both the Mayor and the Fire Chief. The Clerk will add those requests to the minutes. **M/S/P- Erickson/Storeby** to approve the December 17, 2012 Minutes with the mentioned corrections.

OLD BUSINESS – SCHOOL GYM BUILDING: Clerk mentioned she had met with insurance agent for annual renewal. The School Gym building is only insured with liability coverage at this time, there is no property coverage. The city may have to insure at replacement cost which would likely be a high premium if they desire coverage. The clerk will get a quote. Clerk also mentioned that after speaking with the agent as well as an agent from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust that there needs to be some changes made. There should not ever be children in the building without adult supervision. There needs to be rules for the building posted as well as a phone number listed in case of an emergency. The council discussed various rules for the building and decided to have the building open from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Clerk will type up rules and post at the gym, she will also post notices of the time change and announce that the city is looking for volunteers to supervise outside of those hours. She will put a notice in the water bills as well. Someone will check with Cenex to see if a key could be left there to sign out to get into the gym in the evenings or on weekends. If an adult wishes to check the key out they must stay at the gym the entire time until the key is returned.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ideas/Plans for the City** – Adams mentioned the City should have some plans for the future. She would like to keep Main Street going and mentioned grants for purchasing dilapidated buildings that she would be willing to help with. She would like to see some improvements to the city website and find ways to draw people to town as Lake Bronson is a tourist community.
- **L.B. Homes** – The council inquired as to what future plans the L.B. Homes has. Schmiedeberg mentioned that they are having a tough time financially. The council discussed asking the board members to attend the next council meeting to see if they could be of any assistance.
- **Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Retirement Plan** – Clerk received notice that the Board recommended one change to the plan provisions to allow survivor benefits to be paid in the few instances when a firefighter dies before being in the plan five years, the minimum amount of service required to be vested. Implementing the change would not add any cost to the plan, and would not affect the calculation of required municipal contributions. **M/S/P – Adams/Storeby** to approve Resolution 01222013, A Resolution Allowing Survivor Benefits to be Paid in Cases Where the Firefighter Dies Before Becoming Vested. **Goldstrand & Schmiedeberg abstained from voting due to their membership with the Fire Department, Storeby will sign the Resolution as Acting Mayor.**
- **Fire Department Application** – Jason Olson, City Maintenance, has completed an application for the Fire Department. **M/S/P – Erickson/Adams** to approve the application for Olson. **Goldstrand & Schmiedeberg abstained from voting due to their membership with the Fire Department.**
- **MRWA Conference** – Clerk provided information to the council on the Minnesota Rural Water Association annual conference in St. Cloud on March 5-7. Clerk noted that although it gets to be expensive, it is great training and Olson would be able to take his wastewater exam on the final day. They provide an exam refresher class the day before the exam. The conference cost is \$195, the exam fee is \$55, as well as hotel and mileage expenses. The council asked Olson if he would be able to attend, he stated he would. Erickson suggested Olson could take the Dodge there to save on the expense of mileage. The council instructed the clerk to call and reserve a motel room for Olson to attend the conference.
- **Maintenance** - Olson reported that there are issues with the bearing in the John Deere, the front PTO driveshaft. If the driveshaft goes out it will wreck the case. Olson will check to see if the shaft is bent first and see how much play is in the bearing. It could be the bearings on the brush itself, there is a block missing from the chain. Erickson asked Olson if he had finished his mosquito testing. Olson has not; he has the study guides but has not taken an exam. He questioned which tests he should take. Clerk inquired if the City was planning to spray for

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others this year as Olson does not need a license to spray in town. Council felt that he should have one just to be safe. Erickson asked about having live hydraulics on the grader.

• **MCFOA Conference** – Clerk provided information to the council on the Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association annual conference in St. Cloud on March 20-22. Clerk noted that she is a member and has never been able to attend the conference. She also noted that it is poor timing as again there is quite an expense to send the Clerk and the Council is already sending Olson to St. Cloud in March. Council stated they would table it until next month as the registration is due by March 5.

BILLS TO BE AUDITED: The council reviewed the claims list for bills. Total claims (not including the conference fee to MRWA, the exam fee to MPCA, or hotel charges) were \$7,353.02 for the month. Fire Department bills totaled \$5,485.94. **M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the claims list and pay bills. Adams made a suggestion that if the City were to purchase steel doors and frames for the Village Square building, maybe they could get rid of the webcam service they are paying for each month. Someone will check prices.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S/P – Goldstrand/Storeby to adjourn until the next regular scheduled council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Megan Hanson, City Clerk