

City of Lake Bronson Council Minutes Amended

April 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor **Evan Veer** called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were: Jim Erickson, Verlene Hill, Leana Kowaliuk, and Jerry Vanderlinde. City employees present were: Sandy Lund and Shane Martin. Public present were: Leif England, Darlene Brown, Brian Phiefer, Brandi Phiefer, and Peter Bates.

Flooring in the Community Center: Leif England talked about what kind of flooring is needed to be put in the kitchen to bring it up to code with the State of Minnesota and what we could install. The council asked Leif to give the city bids for this. Kowaliuk asked if we need a carpenter to check the crawl space. Non and metal beams in crawl space. Erickson stated the crawl space needs to be opened. Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Hill, to purchase a new sump pump. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Hill/All.** Kowaliuk also asked that the bidding be published again in the news papers for two weeks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Vanderlinde, to accept the minutes of the last meeting, as amended. **M/S/P – Erickson/Vanderlinde/All**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The clerk added a claim for each the Fire Department and the City.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: Brown said more cats and dogs are running around town and 4-wheelers are racing around town. Brian Phiefer is concerned about Peter Bates road edge. Vanderlinde explained how Martin will fix the issue. Phiefer also asked if items in their yards, Peter's or his mother's, need to be cleaned up, that we should call Brian and he will take care of it. Kowaliuk asked that letters be sent to two homes in town that need their yards cleaned up. Phiefer and Bates will talk to these people.

OLD BUSINESS: Naming River Street – Tabled. Foundation Crack by East Door – Tabled until May.

NEW BUSINESS: Bruce Blomquist: Martin reported that Blomquist would like a sign made and placed at the city compost pile for stumps to go to the left. **Schedule City Clean Up Days:** Mayor Veer proclaimed May 6-14 Cleanup days for the City of Lake Bronson. The **Pet Clinic** is scheduled for May 23rd from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Village Square. **Picnic table placement in city:** Erickson said the picnic tables that were donated to the City by the Lake Bronson State Park should be put in the shelter at the ball park. **Shane's review:** Vanderlinde made a motion to retract Martin's extended probation. Vanderlinde talked to the council that Martin would not be able to take any time off until the probation over. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Kowaliuk, that the original motion to extend Martin's probation for the six months stands. **M/S/P – Erickson/Kowaliuk/Hill Vanderlinde apposed.** **Notary License for the Clerk:** The council was in favor of the clerk obtaining a notary license and stamp. Kowaliuk said that she thinks the stamp should say for the City of Lake Bronson, like the previous clerk's stamp said. **FEMA Report:** The clerk presented a letter from FEMA about flood insurance. Kowaliuk wants to look into this and report back to the council at a later date. **Chuck Vagle - Water bill:** Chuck Vagle asked the clerk to voice his concerns about water users that have not used water in a billing cycle and they are still being charged for water. The clerk said it states in the city water policy that users will be charged the minimum amount even if no water is used. If the owner plans to be gone for a time, then they need to have the water shut off.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Martin asked the council if he could make and place the sign that Bruce Blomquist requested, the council agreed. Martin will keep tabs on the sign and the stumps. Martin fixed the gear on the starter for the bug sprayer, but the solenoid is bad, and will cost \$20.00 to replace, he was told to buy a new solenoid. The battery on the bug sprayer is working fine for now. Martin will order the 60 gallons of mosquito spray for the summer spraying. Martin will be attending the mosquito class in Thief River Falls on Thursday this week. The trailer house at the north end of town on Railway Avenue, had a water break and Martin came into work on Saturday to deal with this. Martin trimmed the weeds at the ball field, cleaned the wayside rest bathrooms, and cleaned the Village Square with a power washer. Two water accounts were turned on this past month. Kowaliuk said a home owner has a can over a shut off and wants maintenance to be aware of it. One citizen requested clumps of dirt removed from city property by his property that he mows. They were result of snow plowing. Another citizen concerned dirt covering a man hole. Martin fixed the sod clumps. Martin asked about the culvert on the road by Sue Foss'. Erickson said that there is a pipe at the school that can be used to replace this, and Martin can do this. Discussion was had about Kowaliuk's water problems in her yard. Vanderlinde will talk to Mark Holter about getting gravel for the roads this summer.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED: Vanderlinde motion was made, seconded by Kowaliuk, to pay the Fire Department Claims. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Kowaliuk/All.**

ADJOURNMENT: Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Hill, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Hill/All.** The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday May 15, 2017.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk