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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Evan Veer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were, Leana Kowaliuk, Verlene Hill, Jim Erickson, Jerry Vanderlinde,. City employees present were Sandy Lund & Shane Martin. Public present were, Darlene Brown, Roger Davis, Bob Haugen, Connie Goldstrand, Debby Breiland, Vicki Lundberg, City Attorney; George Hanson.

**CEMETERY:** Charlotte Bates and Brandi Phiefer have filed court Conciliation papers. C. Goldstrand described the situation that is at issue. The Riverside Cemetery Association members are all volunteers. Goldstrand said the association lets people put stones at the head of the interred. The Bates family put a sitting bench at the foot of Peter Bates grave. They were asked to remove it. The Bates are claiming that the bench was removed and broke. Haugen explained how D. Breiland gently removed the bench and placed it by the shed at the cemetery. C. Bates went to Haugen and said he broke the bench. Hanson asked if the bench is still at the cemetery, Goldstrand said it was not there anymore. Hanson asked if the association had taken any pictures, they did not. Hanson talked about options the city and association has in this matter. The Bates must show burden of proof. Hanson said a decision needs to be made who will represent both the city and the association before the court hearing also Haugen should be there to testify if needed. Vanderlinde suggested that the council should contact the Bates and request pictures of the bench. Lundberg asked what we can do to prevent this in the future and Hanson said the association needs to look into this and call other cities to see what they have for bylaws. Goldstrand asked someone from the council to go to Bates to see if they have pictures, and let the council see them. Council member Hill will go talk to the Bates. Hanson will ask the judge if he can be at the hearing.

Mayor Veer said we are skipping past a few items so the Hanson can be present.

**FEMA REPORT:** Hanson reviewed the paperwork from FEMA. Hanson will get a copy of the Kittson County Ordinance and will adapt to the City of Lake Bronson.

**LIQUOR LAWS:** Hanson explained about the new liquor laws and said that our current liquor ordinance is still valid and will remain that way. Until the council needs to decide what they want to do and then contact Hanson if they choose to rewrite the current liquor ordinance. if the council does nothing with the current ordinance, than no one can be open on Sunday's.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Erickson made a motion, Vanderlinde seconded it to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 council meeting as amended per Kowaliuk's notes. **M/S/P – Erickson/Vanderlinde/All.**

**CITIZENS CONCERNS:** Kowaliuk asked that the clerk look into the City loans/grants for residents from Wynn Consulting that she found in the newspaper.

**NEW BUSINESS: Crack in the Foundation:** Vanderlinde will look into this. **Community Center Flooring:** The clerk asked that this be tabled until the asbestos report comes back. **Gravel for the Roads:** Martin reported that two truckloads of gravel have been delivered to the school. Vanderlinde asked if any gravel is needed in certain areas on the roads. Erickson said it is needed by Kowaliuk's. Martin will replace the culvert that crosses the road by Sue Foss' house. Martin will call Mark Holter to deliver and spread gravel on 3rd Ave starting at B. Olson's house then going north until he runs out of gravel. **Community Center Crawl Space:** Sump pump has been switched to a new pump. **Building Permits:** Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Kowaliuk, to approve two building permits. **M/S/P –Vanderlinde/Kowaliuk/All.**

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Martin reported that he filled Peter Bate's Jr.'s ditch with black dirt. And will also put gravel there. He made and place a sign for the city compost pile. Martin will be attending the mosquito calibrating session in Roseau on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Martin asked about mosquito spraying and Vanerlinde said the city sprays at dusk and it takes a couple of hours. Water samples are back. The secondary pond was discharge, and all was ok. Martin has been mowing grass. Martin discussed Mega Bugs Plus, a chemical that is used weekly for the city

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sewers. The price is \$800.00 for 50 pounds now. This amount will last for 6 months. Vanderlinde said we should get it, and look into getting another cheaper chemical. Martin explained that what the lagoon has been sprayed with in the past, is eroding the banks and may hurt wild life. Martin gave the council quotes for what should be used. Kowaliuk said Roseau sells a similar product and this should be check out. This was tabled. Erickson talked about the baseball bases. And he purchased some and Martin should put them in. Martin talked about the water leak behind the Village Square, that has been fixed.

**CITY BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED:** The clerk added a claim for the MFCOA for \$40.00. Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Hill, to accept the City claims. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Hill/All.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED:** Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Hill, to accept the City claims. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Hill/All.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Kowaliuk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25p.m. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Kowaliuk/All.** The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on June 19, 2017.

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Sandra Lund, City Clerk