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Call Meeting to Order: Acting Mayor J. Vanderlinde called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Council members present were, J. Erickson, L. Kowaliuk, V. Hill. City employees present were S. Lund, S. Martin & V. Lundberg. Public present were D. Brown, R. VanWagner, J. Krieger, G. Sandahl, L. England, G. Hurt, E. Hurt, L. Johnson, J. Storby, J. Hayes.

Mayor Evan Veer's Resignation: Motion made by Erickson, seconded by Hill, to accept Veer's resignation and declare a vacancy by a resolution. **M/S/P – Erickson/Hill/All.**

Acting Mayor J. Vanderlinde resigned from the city council. Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to accept Vanderlinde's resignation. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Erickson/All.** Erickson made a motion, seconded by Hill seconded, to accept Vanderlinde as Mayor for the remainder of Veer's term by a resolution and to put Vanderlinde on all four (4) of City bank accounts at Prime Security Bank in Karlstad MN. **M/S/P – Erickson/Hill/All.**

Oath of office for Mayor: Gerald Vanderlinde took his oath of office for the Lake Bronson City Mayor.

MnDot & CPRail - Rail Road Crossing on Hill Street: R. VanWagner, from MnDot and J. Krieger, from CPRail, talked about the safety of the railroad crossing on Hill street. Krieger said this crossing is a public crossing. Vanderlinde said we should have a public meeting about this. This project would likely start in 2-3 years away. Krieger said that CPRail is willing to give the city \$50,000.00 to close this road and crossing. VanWagner said the State would give the City \$25,000.00 to close this road and crossing. Kowaliuk said that the width of the tracks has to be 22 feet wide and that Hill Street need to be graded. If the city decides to put in railroad arms, we would have to pay 10% of the bill. Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to put a notice on the January water bills and to hold a public meeting on January 8, 2018 at 7pm. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Erickson/All.** **Community Center Flooring, Leif England:** England addressed to the council about a different flooring that could be installed to cut down on costs. Vanderlinde will be choosing the flooring. England plans to start in mid January on this project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Hill, to accept the minutes of the November 20, 2017 council meeting. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Hill/All.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Kowaliuk added a disaster plan and book for the City. Also that the Community Center is a tornado shelter. The council said the Fire Department should be taking care of this. The clerk added a claim for the Fire Department. Erickson said we need nominations for the open council seat. Kowaliuk suggested J. Rogers, Erickson suggested G. Sandahl. Votes were taken and Sandahl was nominated to fill the seat.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: J. Hayes approached the council about applying for a grant through the City to fix the apartments he purchased. The clerk will check to see is he qualifies for the Revolving Loan Fund.

NEW BUSINESS: City Employee Raises: Erickson made a motion, seconded by Hill seconded, to raise the clerks wages to \$18.00 and the maintenance wages to \$17.50 to comply with Minnesota Pay Equity. There will be no further raises for 3 years for these city positions. **M/S/P – Erickson/Hill/All.** A made a motion by Erickson, seconded by Sandahl, to contract with Robert Anderson for monthly wastewater testing as needed. **M/S/P – Erickson/Sandahl/All.** **Council Meetings for 2018:** Vanderlinde suggested the meeting from April through October have a start time of 7pm. The council approved of this. **LMC City Insurance:** Erickson made a motion, seconded by Hill, to accept the LMC insurance. **M/S/P – Erickson/Hill/All.** **Liquor Licenses:** Sandahl made a motion, seconded by Erickson to approve the three 2018 liquor licenses within the city. **Fire Departments Secretaries Wages:** Erickson made a motion, seconded by Sandahl, to approve the fire department secretaries wages for 2017. **M/S/P – Erickson/Sandahl/All.** **Brush Pile Agreement:** Erickson made a motion, seconded by Hill, to approve the brush pile agreement with Bruce Blomquist. **M/S/P – Erickson/Hill/All.** **Employee Health Insurance ACH:** The clerk said that the city health would now be taken directly from the city checking account. **USDA water bond payment:** The clerk said she wanted the council to be aware that the USDA Water Bond payment is due in December for \$38,181.25.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Martin reported that he went to St. Paul for wastewater classes. There is a water line brake at Melissa Gunnarson's. Anderson's will work in it Wednesday of this week. Martin needs more Mega Bugs Plus to put down the toilets. It will cost between \$700.00 & \$800.00. The lights on the sweeper blew out. The battery charger must have popped the lights. Martin put in another battery and replaced some of the lights and they worked. The new shop lights are not installed yet. Martin said he scraped the side of the plow truck on a short post when he was on the corner of Hill & Park Ave. Martin said it takes 1/2 an hour to fill the plow truck. After some discussion, the council advised Martin to

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take the truck to Braget's Repair. Sandahl asked Martin to be more careful when plowing with the truck and to remember to look behind him when he backs up. Martin checked with in Greenbush for the cost of tires for the Dakota pickup. Sandahl made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to get the tires from Duane Anderson for \$400.00. **M/S/P – Sandahl/Erickson/All.**

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED: Erickson made a motion, seconded by Sandahl, to pay the Fire Department claims. **M/S/P – Erickson/Sandahl/All.**

ADJOURNMENT: Sandahl made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m. . **M/S/P – Sandahl/Erickson/All.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on January 16, at 5:30pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk