

January 16, 2018

Call Meeting to Order: Acting Mayor J. Vanderlinde called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were, J. Erickson, G. Sandahl, L. Kowaliuk, V. Hill . City employees present were S. Lund & V. Lundberg. Public present were D. Brown, G&E Hurt, B. Schmiedeberg.

SHANE MARTIN'S RESIGNATION: Erickson made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to accept Shane Martin's resignation. **M/S/P – Erickson/Kowaliuk/All.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Hill, to accept the minutes, as changed of the December 17, 2018 council meeting. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Hill/All.** Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Hill, to accept the minutes, as changed of the January 8, 2018 special council meeting. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Hill/All.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The clerk added a claim for the tires for the Dodge Dakota. Kowaliuk added that she will be attending a conference on March 9 in Thief River Falls. Kowaliuk will also be attending the 2018 Legislative Conference on March 22, 2018 in St. Paul and she would like the city to reimburse her the \$45.00 registration fee.

OLD BUSINESS: Kowaliuk added that she wants an emergency disaster manual. Schmiedeberg said that if there is an oil spill in the city, that the fire department is not trained to handle this. The Grand Forks Fire Department has been trained to deal with oil spills. Kowaliuk also asked about water shut offs. The clerk said that they were paid.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: G. Hurt asked if the city can get something in writing from CPRail and MnDot of what they will do. The clerk will look into getting grants for this project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief B. Schmiedeberg addressed the council. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Hill to accept Lowell Nelson application to the Fire Department. **M/S/P – Erickson/Hill/All.** Schmiedeberg said Derry Jones retired from the Fire Department after serving for 24 years. Schmiedeberg is working on the J5's, the bearings are out and 3 hubs are bad, to fix these it should cost about \$1,000.00. The Fire Department would like to buy some vehicle stands and a floor jack and some small tools, this should cost about \$500.00. The old water truck is ready to be sold. The air packs are paid off and the DNR needs proof of what the Fire Department spends their yearly money on. Schmiedeberg would like to put money in savings for a newer truck and lease-to-buy air packs. 9 firemen will be attending training March 9-11, 2018. The water truck drop tank does not work. A new tank would be \$1,430.00. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Sandahl to purchase a new drop tank. **M/S/P – Erickson/Sandahl/All.** Schmiedeberg applied for a grant for new pagers. The firemen need new jackets and the fire department will pay \$40.00 towards each jacket and each fireman will pay the remainder of their own bill.

NEW BUSINESS: Council member Greg Sandahl's votes at last meeting: G. Sandahl's oath of office was questioned and the clerk stated that Sandahl was in two days after the council meeting to take his oath of office. The clerk had called both LMC and the city attorney about Sandahl's motions/votes at the December council meeting. They both feel that Sandahl's motions/votes should be ok since the rest of the council had voted for all motions. Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Hill to that the city council accept Sandahl's votes of the last meeting. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Hill/All.** **Resolution:** Erickson made a motion, seconded by Hill, to accept the resolution to use the Lake Bronson Community Center as a voting place for the City of Lake Bronson. **M/S/P – Erickson/Hill/All.** **Pay Raises:** Erickson asked the council to repeal last month's pay raises. The clerk's wages would go from \$18.00 down to \$16.50 per hour and rescind the 3 year wage freeze. Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Hill, to change the clerk's wages to \$16.50 and rescind the 3 year wage freeze. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Hill/All.** A motion was made by Sandahl, seconded by Erickson, to give the treasurer and the custodian another \$20.00 per month. **M/S/P – Sandahl/Erickson/All.** **Mayor's Appointments:** Mayor J. Vanderlinde appointed the following; Treasurer: S. Westerberg. Fire chief: B. Schmiedeberg. Water and wastewater superintendent: B. Anderson. Water and sewer: J. Erickson and G. Sandahl. Community projects: L. Kowaliuk & V. Hill. The mayor oversees weed control. **Council Appointments:** Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Hill, to appoint the North Star News as our official newspaper. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Hill/All.** Erickson made a motion, seconded by Hill, that G. Sandahl be the acting mayor. **M/S/P – Erickson/Hill/All.** Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Hill, to keep Prime Security Bank as our depositor. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Hill/All.** **North Kittson Rural Water Rate increase:** was tabled until the next council meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Vanderlinde reported that he has been plowing snow & reading the sewer. There was a water line break under Pankrat's house. There are some problems with the tractor, a pump has been ordered & it will be fixed. Vanderlinde said it took him 10 minutes to fill the plow truck, so at this time the city will not be replacing the fuel line. Vanderlinde put in the Mega Bugs plus. The new shop lights are being installed. Kowaliuk thanked Vanderlinde and Erickson for all the plowing they have been doing. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Sandahl to set the new maintenance position hourly rate at \$15.00. The clerk was directed to tell any applicants the starting wage. **M/S/P –**

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Erickson/Sandahl/All. Erickson said the school gym water had froze, because the building was not being checked daily. The furnaces have now been repaired.

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: Kowaliuk made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38p.m. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Erickson/All.** The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on February 20, 2018.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk