

City of Lake Bronson Regular Council Meeting Amended Minutes

July 15, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor J. Vanderlinde called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm. Council members present were P. Shablow, L. Kowaliuk, S. Strom & R. Rector. City employees present were S. Lund, E. Toomey & V. Lundberg. Public present were D. Brown & J. Gohman from Northwest Community Action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2019 council meeting.
M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.

Northwest Community Action - Grant: Jason Gohman from NWCA presented the council with a service contract that the city must sign for this Grant.

Citizen Concerns/Public Comments: Vanderlinde said he was talking as a citizen and asked why he can't get paid to work at the City burn pile. The council said they did not think he could be paid to do this. Vanderlinde said he was resigning from the council and would turn in his keys and left the meeting. Rector, the acting mayor, then presided over the meeting. The council decided that Strom would check with the attorney about this. Kowaliuk said to Toomey that he was off probation, that he has been working here for 6 months and that he should be able to work on his own and you shouldn't need help. Kowaliuk then asked the clerk if the last few maintenance men needed help with the burn pile. The clerk said no.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skating Rink Warming House - Tabled until fall

Brenda William's water: Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to reduce William's water bill to her normal usage, because when the fire hydrant by her house was drained this past spring, her house water was very rusty and William's has to run many gallons to get clear water. There will be notice posted to residents before the hydrants are flushed. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/All.**

Mowing at Blashill's property: Toomey reported that it took him about 10 minutes to mow the property after he moved the debris in his way. Kowaliuk asked the clerk to call the county tax office and see who actually owns the property and contact them through a letter about mowing the property. This was tabled until the clerk finds out more information.

Trailer House ordinance: Kowaliuk said the city has a zoning ordinance and the clerk will present it to the council at the next meeting. This was tabled until the next council meeting.

2020 Budget: The clerk had put the 2020 budget in the council packets for the council to review. This was tabled until the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Prepaid propane, 2018 city purchased \$3,000.00 and it lasted through December 2019 : Shablow made motion, Kowaliuk seconded to fill the city propane tanks now during summer fill and to prepay \$3,000.00 for propane for the city propane tanks. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/All.**

Maintenance work logs: Toomey said he can get books for each vehicle. Shablow would like copies made and put in a 3-ring binder so the council can see what has been done.

Maintenance radios or cell: Strom explained the options of what he found to the council. Kowaliuk made a motion, Strom seconded to purchase a prepaid cell phone, with insurance for the maintenance person to use. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Strom/All.**

Water Meter head repairs: The clerk explained that to repair the 11 old water meters the city owns would be considerably cheaper than purchasing new meters. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to have the old city water meters repaired. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Resolution for to form a Regional Safety Group/Safety Committee - Leana: Kowaliuk has looked into this and she says there is a safety checklist. OSHA will provide brochures that we would need. The clerk will mail each council member the checklist to review. This was tabled until the next council meeting.

MN Service Connection Water fee. MN Statute 148.3831. Raised from \$6.36 to \$9.72 Jan, 1 2020 will be in effect: The clerk included a letter from the MN Department of Health in each council packet that stated that Minnesota Legislature has approve this increase.

Interim Financial Report: The clerk included this in each council packet for their review.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Toomey reported that wastewater samples were sent out, grass is being cut, weed are whacked, the mulch pile has been taken care of, he has been cleaning up trash in the city park. Toomey called to have the out houses pumped out and they will contact him when they have time to do this. Anderson and Toomey drained the ponds. Some pot holes have been taken care of. Cleaned the weeds at the Village Square. Shablow asked that the streets be swept and Toomey will contact the county highway department. Lundberg asked if the mosquitoes have been sprayed. Toomey said he has sprayed a few times.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on **August 19, 2019** at 7 p.m.