**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Acting Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Council members present were, P. Shablow, S. Strom & L. Kowaliuk . City employees present were S. Lund & V. Lundberg. E. Toomey was absent. Public present were D. Brown, P. & K. Matthew, M. Norberg and T. Undeberg.

**ACCEPTING VANDERLINDE’S RESIGNATION:** Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to accept Vanderlinde's resignation.  **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.** A resolution was signed declaring a vacancy for the mayor's position.

**MAYOR'S VACANCY:** Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to appoint Rector as mayor, to fill Vanderlinde's term.  **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/All.** A resolution was signed declaring a vacancy on the council position. Kowaliuk asked that Rector read his oath of office. Rector read the oath of office.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS VACANCY:** Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, for Phil Matthew to be appointed for fill the open council position. M**/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/All.** Matthew's readthe oath of office. The council congratulated him on his appointment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2019 council meeting as changed. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Shablow/All.**

**CITIZENS CONCERNS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Norberg said when the rodeo happened they blocked off D. Norberg's house with cattle gates & semi's. Undeberg said he had asked the council if he could block off the roads at the June council meeting he had also talked to the Sheriff. Underberg said he had told Norberg she had to move her vehicle and stated that Kowaliuk yelled at him. The council member denied that she yelled at him. Shablow said a few people told her that there was a confrontation. Undeberg said he had called the League of Minnesota Cities and would like Kowaliuk removed from the council.

**OLD BUSINESS: Skating Rink Warming House - Tabled until fall**

**Mowing at Blashill's property:** The clerk explained that she had called the property tax office and was informed that the property was still in the Blashill's name. Kowaliuk said to send the Blashill's a letter about mowing their lawn and when the letter is returned, then we can mow the lawn and we would not be trespassing.

**Trailer House ordinance/Zoning Ordinance:** Kowaliuk said she is look in to more ordinances. The council briefly looked at the City Zoning Ordinance.

**2020 Budget**: This was tabled until the clerk talks to NKRW and figures out how much the property tax would be raised.

**Resolution to Form a Regional Safety Group/Safety Committee:** Kowaliuk said we could start the AWAIR program.

**Renting out city owned bleachers:** The clerk presented the council with a letter from our insurance company, stating that the bleacher may or may not be covered by the City insurance. Undeberg said that Wojo's Rodeo carries insurance. Kowaliuk made a motion, Strom seconded, to table this item. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Strom/All.**

**Sweeper brushes:** Fixing the sidewalk sweeper was discussed. Strom said the sweeper brushes are $650.00 plus tax, and the wheels are $150.00 plus tax. Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to purchase the brushes and the wheels for the sweeper. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Strom/All.**

**Bank Origination Agreement:** The clerk presented the council with an origination agreement from the bank. This is an agreement to start direct deposit for employees that wish to have their paychecks directly deposited.

**NEW BUSINESS: Museum Building Permit:** Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to table this item. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

**Verlene Hill's water bill:** Hill requested that this item be dropped from the agenda before the meeting.

**Appoint an Acting Mayor:** Rector said he would have to leave for work, so he wanted to appoint an acting mayor. Rector appointed Strom as acting mayor. Mayor Rector left to go to work and Acting Mayor Strom presided over the meeting.

**Yard cleanup letters:** Kowaliuk said she would like to see every household sent a letter to clean up their yards within 30 days. Matthew made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to send letters to each household to clean up their yards. **M/S/P – Matthew/Kowaliuk/All.**

**Acting Mayor on bank accounts resolution:** This item was not discussed.

**Donation to Improvement Committee for Advertising:** Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to donate $500.00 to the improvement committee for advertising and porta potties.  **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/All.** The clerk presented the council with a letter from North Country Food Bank asking for building donations. The council said they would not be donating to this**.**

**Vacation/emergency time off:** Shablow suggested that the council review time cards next month before discussing this further.

**Clerk requesting day off:** The clerk requested August 29th off for a doctor's appointment, but said she would be able to come into work in the morning to run the water bills. Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded for the clerk to come into work in the morning to run the water bills, then take the rest of the day off.  **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/All.**

**September 16, 2019 council meeting time:** Kowaliuk said she could not make the scheduled in September 16, 2019 meeting. Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to move the council meeting to September 18, 2019 at 5:30. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/All.**

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** There was no maintenance report this month.

**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:** Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to pay the Fire Department claims. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Shablow/All.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Matthew made a motion, Shablow seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. **M/S/P – Matthew/Shablow/All.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on September 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

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