

November 18, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm. Council members present were, P. Shablow, S. Strom, and P. Matthew. Kowaliuk was not at the meeting at the time the meeting started. City employees present were S. Lund and E. Toomey. Public present were D. Brown, J. Wynn and G. Hansen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2019 council meeting. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/Matthew.** Kowaliuk entered the meeting at 5:35 pm.

NWCA Housing Grants: John Wynn talked with the council about the housing grants and answered questions. Matthew asked Wynn when the program would start and how the council was connected. Wynn thought it would be in January after the State approves the final paperwork. He said the council really does not have to do anything more than they have done already for the program. Wynn will contact the city attorney about if there would be a conflict of interest for city employees to receive this grant.

Citizen Concerns/Public Comments: Kowaliuk stepped down from the council, she would like to put up and take down Christmas lights at the Village Square. Kowaliuk asked if she could have the maintenance man help her with this. no one on the council objected to this. Kowaliuk then went back on the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skating Rink Warming House Bids: The mayor opened the sealed bids the city received for the warming house. The highest bidder was Ricky Shablow, with a bid of \$450.00. The clerk asked if Shablow could just write a check to the Improvement Committee? Kowaliuk said we need to give Shablow a bill of sale for the warming house. The money the city receives for the warming house will be given to the Lake Bronson Improvement Committee. Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to sell the warming house to R. Shablow. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/All.**

Yard Clean up: Kowaliuk said she checked with LMC and the city has to write resolutions and give it to the city attorney before anything further can be done. The clerk will type up the three resolutions and at the next council meeting the council will review them before moving further on this.

Kowaliuk asked why the Mayor was on weed control when he is not a council member. The clerk said the mayor is on weed control per LMC. Kowaliuk wants Vanderlinde taken off the list and she wants to be put on as weed inspector because she is not on any other committee. Rector appointed Kowaliuk for weed inspector.

Fixing Lagoon Fences This Fall: Strom and Matthew will burn the tall grass this weekend, so the fences can be fixed. Kowaliuk asked about spraying the nocuous weeds at the burn pile. Several council members explained that we have no right to spray another person's property. Maintenance was told to burn the burn pile.

NEW BUSINESS:

Glenna Hansen: Hansen asked about voting in an mayor. Matthew said that there is no need to have a special election because we followed the law. Glenna asked about a polling place, but said she saw it was already on the agenda.

Resolution for Polling Place for 2020 Elections: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, for Lake Bronson to use the Kittson County Court house for the cities polling place. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

LMC bill for meeting on September 25, 2019: Kowaliuk wrote the clerk a check for the meeting she attended. **Water Assessments: 216 East River Street:** Kowaliuk said the clerk needs to check out who owns the house before we can file the assessment. The clerk said that it would not matter because we will miss the time life for filing. **Employee Health Insurance:** Kowaliuk told the clerk to check with Karlstad insurance to see what they have to offer. Kowaliuk says the State says that we have to provide insurance for all employees and wanted to know why Toomey was not being paid. The clerk said that Toomey has refused the insurance when he started. Matthew said we went through this before. Toomey said he had applied for Medi Aide.

Fire Department is hosting Santa Day Dec. 7 @10am at the Community Center: The mayor announced that Santa Day.

Change Time of the Month that the Treasurer is paid: Kowaliuk said she had spoken to the custodian and she would be fine with changing her pay date also. Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to change pay dates for the community center custodian and the city treasurer to the first scheduled pay period of each month. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/All.**

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Toomey agreed with what was discussed about the weeds, the brush pile and the fences. Toomey said the paperwork for the city vehicle was caught up and he would be changing the F350 oil soon. Toomey said he was planning to repair the fences at the ball field. Matthew said there should be supplies at the bus shed for this. The city roads were talked about and Strom made a motion, Matthew seconded, that Toomey would contact the county road grader about the cost of grading all the city streets and it would cost between \$300.00 and \$400.00 Toomey was to schedule to have them graded. **M/S/P – Strom/Matthew/All.**

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Kowaliuk had a question, she said the Governor had disaster Kittson County a disaster with all the rain we had in October. Kowaliuk said we should see if anyone took pictures of the roads and that the maintenance man had fixed the roads. Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded to contact the emergency flood insurance and see if we quality. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/All.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Kowaliuk made a motion, Strom seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 .m. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Strom/All.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on December 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk