

City of Lake Bronson Regular Council Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Acting Mayor S. Strom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Council members present were, L. Kowaliuk, S. Shablow & P. Matthew. City employee present was S. Lund. Public present was D. Brown.

Kowaliuk thanked Strom and Rector for donating their time to plow snow in the city and said that the town looked wonderful.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2019 council meeting. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/Matthew.**

The clerk asked if she could add some things to the agenda. Vanderlinde would like a donation from the city for some work he did for the city in the past year. Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, not to pay Vanderlinde for the work he had done while he was the mayor. **M/S/P Kowaliuk/Matthew. Shablow abstained.** The clerk said it is not too late to file property assessments for last year. Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to file assessment charges on 216 East River Street in the amount of \$212.04. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.** The clerk presented the pay equity reports from prior years. Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to approve the 2019 pay equity report. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.**

MAINTENANCE RESIGNATION: Shablow made a motion, Matthews seconded, to accept the resignation of Edward Toomey as maintenance person effective December 31, 2019. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.** Shablow made a motion, Matthews seconded, to pay Toomey his accrued vacation time per MN Statute §181.74. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.** Shablow made a motion, Matthews seconded, not to pay Toomey his accrued sick time. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.**

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Brown asked if the high snow piles by the Lutheran church could be removed because they obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. Strom will try to take care of this on the weekend.

OLD BUSINESS: Yard Cleanup: Tabled until spring. The council is concerned with the dangers of one vacant home. Strom will ask the home owner again to cover the doors with plywood. **Lagoon Fences:** Tabled until spring.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor's appointments are as follows;

Attorney - Brink Severson, Malm & Albrecht PA law office in Hallock
Fire Chief - Bobby Schmiedeberg
Treasurer - Shelly Westerberg
Wastewater Superintendent - Robert Anderson
Weed Control - Mayor and Phil Matthew

Council's appointments are as follows;

Acting Mayor - Skip Strom. Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to accept Strom as acting mayor. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Shablow/Matthew.**
Official Newspaper - North Star News in Karlstad. Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to designate North Star News the Cities official newspaper. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Shablow/Matthew.**
Official Depository - Prime Security Bank in Karlstad. Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to designate Prime Security Bank as the Cities official depository. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Shablow/Matthew.**
Streets/Roads - Kowaliuk/Strom
Water/Sewer - Strom/Matthew
Parks/Community Projects - Matthew/Shablow
Employee/Equipment - Matthew/Strom
Safety Committee - Shablow/Kowaliuk

The clerk gave the council copies of the 2020 NW Regional Safety Group's schedule of training. The first meeting is scheduled in Lancaster on February 12, 2020. The clerk asked if when there are meetings she has to attend that are close to her home, if she could go directly to the meeting without coming to work those mornings. The council agreed.

Employee Bonds: Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to approve the bonds for the mayor, clerk and treasurer for 2020. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.**

MAINTENANCE APPLICANT: The council reviewed the application for the maintenance position. After a discussion Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to hire Robert Anderson to remove snow this season at a price of \$350.00 per snow event using the city equipment. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/Matthew.**

Water Agreement: Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to hire Robert Anderson as the Cities temporary water operator at a rate of \$100.00 for every 3 months Anderson is the City's Water Operator. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/Matthew.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on Tuesday February 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm.