

City of Lake Bronson Regular Council Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Acting Mayor S. Strom called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. Council members present were, L. Kowaliuk, P. Shablow, S. Strom & P. Matthew. City employees present were S. Lund & B. Anderson. Public present were: D. Brown, B. Schmiedeberg, M. Norberg & L. DeMaine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2020 council meeting.
M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Shablow/All.

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Kowaliuk stepped down from being a council member to say there are burn barrel ashes at the burn pile filled with metal and glass. Kowaliuk wants a sign put up. Strom said there are signs. Kowaliuk suggested to put a note on the water bills telling people not to put burn barrel ashes in the burn pile. The clerk said the veterinary clinic from Greenbush donate \$200.00 to the City. And that Tatum Carlson had put flowers around town and will be caring for this summer.

Fire Chief's report on new truck: B. Schmiedeberg reported that the fire department is still looking in to getting a new fire truck and financing.

OLD BUSINESS: Yard Cleanup: The clerk reported that A. Norberg was in contact with her and is working on cleaning her yard. Kowaliuk said some of the yard is cleaned up and the couches are gone. Strom reported that Gudmundson's house is down and the shingles removed so the fire department can burn it. Martin's is getting cleaned up some. Kowaliuk asked if we were including spring cleanup on the list. Kowaliuk said she called Anderson Sanitation and they can bring a dumpster for one day from 8-5pm on a Wednesday and Kowaliuk said Anderson can watch it so no one puts the wrong items in the dumpster. Kowaliuk said other council member could help also. Kowaliuk said she would be willing to watch it also. Anderson Sanitation will take the dumpster away in the evening. Kowaliuk said a notice could be put on water bills, posted around town and maybe in a newsletter about cleanup day. Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded to have cleanup day August 5, 2020 if Anderson Sanitation agreed to that date.

Lagoon Fences - money transfer: The clerk said the repair of the fences was going to be more than first thought and asked Matthew to talk to the council again. Matthews said he had gotten a quote from the Finney's for \$2,500.00 for parts and labor. The increase is because stronger corner posts are needed. Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to accept Finney's quote. Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, for the clerk to make a money transfer to pay for the lagoon fences.

Housing Grant: Kowaliuk said V. Lundberg had been contacted to discuss what needs to be done at her house.

Playground: Rector is looking into how deep the sand needs to be at the playground. Strom said that Ingeman Trucking will donate the sand and haul it to the playground. Rector asked who would be doing the work to remove the existing gravel and leveling the sand.

Rector will talk to Vanderlinde to see how much he would charge to level the sand.

South/West garage door opener at city shop: Strom will be getting one.

NEW BUSINESS: Schmiedeberg asked that the Fire Department filling pools be moved up so he could leave the meeting. Schmiedeberg said several parties have approached him wanting their pools filled and ditches blown out. The cost of water will be \$12.00 per 1000 gallons used, and the cost of fuel and any other donations the home owner would want to give. The previous council would not let the fire department do this. Schmiedeberg said that fire department members who would take trucks to fill pools would let him know before, so the Fire Chief would know when the trucks are being used. Kowaliuk made a motion, Strom seconded, that the Fire Chief can use his own discretion when letting fire department members use the trucks. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Strom/All.**

2020 Budget ideas - Lawn mower: The clerk said that she had received a notice that the "State had depleted their funds and the city would know by August 31, 2020 how much LGA we would receive". The lawn mower was discussed. Rector asked Anderson how many hours were on the current mower. Strom will start pricing new lawn mowers. Kowaliuk said the clerk can look into getting low interest loans through LMC for this. Kowaliuk questioned items on the budget and the clerk responded.

Box scraper: Strom handed out information on a new box scraper. Kowaliuk said to check with LMC about getting a loan to pay for and 8 foot box scraper. Rector and Strom will go look at box scrapers and get more details for the council.

ATV's: Kowaliuk said some kids were using the bike path on the other side of the Museum with a ramp and jumping it and leaving it there.

Building permits: There was a discussion as to what home owner need a permit for and Matthew suggested to define the cities building permits so there is no question as to what home owner would need a permit for. The clerk will call the county about this. no building permits were approved.

Water assessment at 323 Western Street: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to file a water assessment for 323 Western Ave.

M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.

Lagoon transfer gates: Anderson expressed that we will need to look at new transfer gates soon. Anderson also said that we are having a phone audit with MPCA about our lagoons on June 24th.

Canopy for lawn mower: Anderson said he does not need one.

Veteran's Memorial Water: Rector asked if the City would donate the water to them. Kowaliuk said we need a fountain at the Veteran's Memorial. Anderson will look into this. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, that the City will pay for the water at the Veteran's Memorial. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Strom/All.**

Preparedness Plan for COVID-19 reopening: A discussion was held. Kowaliuk referred to items from her cell phone and wanted some changes made to the Plan. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to accept the Plan as changed. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Office printer: The clerk said the feeder on the office copier is acting up. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, that the clerk can buy a new printer when needed. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

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MAINTENANCE REPORT: Anderson said he was busy mowing and spraying mosquitoes. The weeds at the lagoon needs to be sprayed. Strom will help Anderson get the sprayer working. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, that Anderson can talk to J. Erickson to spray the lagoon if he cannot get the sprayer going. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.** Anderson mentioned he discharged the lagoon. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Strom/All.**

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Strom made a motion, Matthew seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm. **M/S/P – Strom/Matthew/All.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on **July 20, 2020** at 5:30 pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk