

City of Lake Bronson Regular Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Council members present were, P. Shablow, L. Kowaliuk, S. Strom & P. Matthew. City employees present was S. Lund. Public present were: B. Schmiedeberg, Megan Knapp and A. Norberg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2020 council meeting as changed. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.** Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2020 special council meeting. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/All.**

Megan Knapp: Said that she was thinking of buying a property within city limits on highway 59 and would like to have farm animals. Kowaliuk said the city could give her a variance and Matthew said that he does not want to see animals in the front yard of the property only East of the driveway. Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to make a variance for M. Knapp. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Shablow/All.** Kowaliuk stepped down from the council to talk about a couple of dogs running around town. Letters will be sent to the animal owners asking them to please leash their pets. Kowaliuk said that a person was doing circles in the middle of the road in a wheel chair and the council discussed what could be done about this. Anyone who sees this should call law enforcement and report it. Norberg asked how to get stickers for the TV disposal the day of the city wide cleanup. The clerk will give some to Anderson and he will collect the money for the disposal. Kowaliuk asked if Gudmundson could mow his property. Strom will talk to him.

OLD BUSINESS: Yard Cleanup: tabled. **Lagoon Fences:** Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, that the clerk will place an ad in the newspaper to find someone to repair the lagoon fences. **Housing Grant:** tabled. **Playground:** Strom will be spraying the playground and the Village Square for weeds. **South/West garage door opener at city shop:** Strom will have the clerk order a commercial opener. **2021 Budget:** The clerk is working on it and will present it next month. **Box Scraper:** The clerk put the box scraper on the 2021 budget. Schmiedeberg will look at the State sales to see if he can find a used one at a good price. **Building permits:** Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded to approve L. Boucher's deck permit and J. Keenan's gazebo permit. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/All.** Strom made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to approve B. Williams vacant house demolition and K. Braget business demolition. **M/S/P – Strom/Kowaliuk/All.**

B. Schmiedeberg and J. Blomquist went to pick up the newer fire truck. The total cost of the trip was \$1,803.98. The West Virginia fire department they had purchased the truck from put 2 new front tires on, since the ones on it were wore and didn't know if they would make it back home with them. They brought the truck to the airport in Cincinnati Ohio to shorten their trip. Our fire department will be purchasing some equipment like a chop saw and chains for the new truck.

NEW BUSINESS: Prepaid propane: Strom made a motion, Matthew seconded to purchase \$6,000.00 of prepaid fuel from Farmer's Union. **M/S/P – Strom/Matthew/All.**

American Legion corn hole tournament and street dance August 29, 2020: Shablow said the American Legion was planning a corn hole tournament and dance with possible food for August 29, 2020. Kowaliuk made a motion, Strom seconded, to close off the 1st Avenue for the tournament and dance. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Strom/All.**

Clerk's office: The clerk requested the she be able to put up a curtain in her office on the window to deter the sun and cold since Braget is removing his building. The council said it was fine. Kowaliuk asked about opening the center and clerk's office. A discussion was had. It was decided the clerk's office will open, but the center will remain closed to activities and groups of people. The clerk will have a cart in front of her office so people cannot come in the office. Kowaliuk said Lundberg will come tomorrow to clean the center.

Census: Kowaliuk said only 50% of the city has done their census. The city will receive funding for the total number of residents if they fill out their census. The clerk will put up a posting about the census.

Signs: Kowaliuk asked about putting up a dog park sign, the clerk will order one. Kowaliuk also asked that maintenance put up no truck signs on Railway and Hill Street so grain trucks do not drive in the residential area.

Sump pumps in homes: The clerk said that the lagoon is having a lot of water coming into it due to the rains this spring. She read from Ordinance #40 that states "No person shall discharge to cause to be discharged any storm waste, surface water, ground water, roof run-off, subsurface drainage, cooling water or unpolluted industrial waster waters into any sanitary sewer." Kowaliuk suggested the clerk put a note on next month's water bills to not drain sump pumps into the sewer system.

Fire Department Application: Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to approve Roman Gudmundson Jr. to join the Lake Bronson Fire Department. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/All.**

Interim Financial Report: The clerk put them in each council packet.

Kowaliuk said there is dirt and mud on the road in front of one of her rental properties and she would like it removed. Kowaliuk said that the culvert by J. Johnson's house is plugged. Anderson's Construction will be called to fix it.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: The clerk said that Anderson is busy with the MPCA paperwork and trying to keep up with the mowing around rain storms.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on August 17 at 5:30 pm.