

Amended City of Lake Bronson Regular Council Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Council members present were S. Strom, P. Shablow, Kowaliuk. Absent was P. Matthew. City employee present was S. Lund. There was no public present.

The Pledge to the flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kowaliuk made a few small changes to the minutes. Strom made a motion, Shablow seconded, to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2020 council meeting. **M/S/P – Strom/Shablow/Kowaliuk.**

Old Business: Housing Grant: Work is being done. **South/West garage door opener at city shop:** (plan to install after deer season). Kowaliuk asked about the school gym door. Strom discussed the options for replacing the current walk in door. Strom made motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to have a single door installed in the spring. **M/S/P – Strom/Kowaliuk/Shablow.** Kowaliuk asked if she could decorate the village square for the holidays. the council agreed.

New Business: Election Canvassing: Mayor Rector read the results of the 2020 elections as follows, for the mayor position Ryan Rector had 95 votes. Votes for council members were Tony Shablow 46 votes, Dustin Shablow 60 votes, Leana Kowaliuk 24 votes, Jill Frei 59 votes. **Election Resolution:** Kowaliuk made a motion, Shablow seconded, to approve the election resolution results. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Shablow/Strom.** **NW Regional Safety Group report from October 21:** The clerk reported that all participants wore masks at the meeting. Emergency action plans and fire extinguishers were discussed. B. Anderson and S. Lund attended. Employees that were not present will need to take online courses. **NW Regional Safety Group December 16 in Stephen:** The clerk reported the topics will be lockout-tag out, PPE and cold weather disorders. Kowaliuk asked the clerk to get the training information to the custodian. **Yearly Resolution for Polling Place:** Strom made a motion, Shablow seconded, to approve the polling place resolution. **M/S/P – Strom/Shablow/Kowaliuk.** **Mutual Aid Agreement:** Strom made a motion, Shablow seconded, to approve the Mutual Aid Resolution with Canada the County Emergency Manager suggested. **M/S/P – Strom/Shablow/Kowaliuk.** **Resolution for Water Assessments:** The council decided not to proceed with this at this time. **Museum:** Strom made a motion, Shablow seconded, to donate the doors that were purchased with the CARES Act money to the Kittson County Museum for their new addition. **M/S/P – Strom/Shablow/Kowaliuk.** **MN Department of Health report:** The clerk said this report is available for the public. Kowaliuk suggested the clerk post it at the post office and in the community center. **George Zondaugh:** Strom explained since Anderson is going to be gone for a while healing from a broken arm, Strom had to call in Zondaugh from Lancaster for help with the lagoon. Strom suggested that if the City needs Zondaugh help again, that the City should compensate Zondaugh. Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to pay Zondaugh a consultant fee of \$100.00 per visit. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/Kowaliuk.** **Christmas lights:** Strom suggested an outdoor Christmas light contest for the City home owners. Shablow asked the clerk to contact the Improvement Committee to see if they wanted to handle this and give out prizes. **CARES Act money:** The City of Lake Bronson had received \$16,198.00 from the State for CARES Act. The clerk gave each council member a list of what had been spent of the CARES Act money. Strom made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to send the unspent money to the County as per the CARES Act guidance. **M/S/P –Strom/Kowaliuk/Shablow.** **Extractor and Masks:** The clerk talked with the County Emergency Manager after the last council meeting about the extractor and the masks for the fire department. The Emergency Manager said the County had CARES Act money and he would approach the County Board for the purchase of these items. The clerk said that the County Board approved the purchases and the emergency manager ordered them.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Strom reported the lagoons are done. Strom has been flushing the fire hydrants. There was a problem with a fire hydrant and Bobby Schmiedeberg replaced parts, fixing it. Strom has a few remaining fire hydrants to flush. Rector went to Grand Forks and picked up the new sweeper and Strom will put the unit together. Rector and Strom put up flags for Veteran's Day and will take them down. Strom and Rector will put the plow on the truck and the bucket on the tractor for winter snow removal.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **M/S/P –Shablow/Strom/Kowaliuk.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on December 21, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk