

City of Lake Bronson Regular Council Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor R. Rector was absent. Acting mayor S. Strom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Council members present were P. Matthew, L. Kowaliuk, P. Shablow. City employee present was S. Lund. Public present: T. Undeberg.

The Pledge to the flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kowaliuk asked that it be put in the minutes that she had asked for approval to decorate the village square for the holidays. The council had agreed to Kowaliuk's request. Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2020 council meeting as changed. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.**

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Kowaliuk said when she was putting up Christmas lights at the village square, the fuse would burn out on the lights and she would like the village square rewired in the spring. Kowaliuk suggested the city takes out a loan to pay for the rewiring. Kowaliuk asked if the City could give the Maverick and the Legion a break on their liquor license costs for 2021 because of Covid-19 and not being open for business all the time. The council did not agree to this. Undeberg asked if the City was donating to the Improvement Committee this year. Matthew made a motion, Shablow seconded, to donate \$500.00 to the Lake Bronson Improvement Committee. **M/S/P –Matthew/ Shablow/Kowaliuk.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Housing Grant: The council discussed that there is no activity at this time due to Covid-19.

South/West garage door opener at city shop: Matthew and Strom will install this. Kowaliuk asked if we could open the gym. Strom said we are not opening the gym because there is no one to make sure social distancing is observed. The clerk said the door is broke and it is scheduled to be fixed in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

LMC Liability Coverage 2021: Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to approve the LMC Liability Coverage 2021. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.** Kowaliuk asked if we could compensate Strom for all the work he has done for the City. Shablow said he could not be compensated because he is on the council.

Fire Department secretaries wages for 2020: Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to pay the fire department secretary \$500.00 for 2020. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.**

Fire Department truck payment: Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to approve the payment for the newer fire truck. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.**

New Fire Department member: Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, To approve Kaytlyn Beranek as a new fire department member. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.**

Resolution for unpaid water bills: Shablow made a motion, Kowaliuk seconded, to file the resolution with the county. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kowaliuk/Matthew.**

Water shut offs: Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to start water shut offs again, as the State had only suggested that we do not shut off water. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew. Kowaliuk voted against this.**

USDA Water Bond Payment: Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to pay the water bond payment for 2020. This payment is for the water lines that were installed in 2005. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.**

Transfer money to Sewer Department: Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to pay the bill for sewer line repairs on Dell Ave. from the general fund. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.**

Council meeting dates for 2021: Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to approve the 2021 meeting dates. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.** Kowaliuk said President Trump had approved a Federal holiday for Christmas Eve. Shablow made motion, Kowaliuk seconded to approve the Christmas Eve as a paid holiday for the city. **M/S/P – Shablow/ Kowaliuk/ Matthew.**

NW Regional Safety Group report from December -cancelled by State: The clerk reported training is all being done online now.

Brush pile yearly agreement: Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to approve the contract and payment to Bruce Blomquist for the City using the brush pile. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.**

Donation to Kittson Memorial Fund: The council decided not to donate to the Kittson Memorial Fund at this time. The clerk said the city had received a thank you not from True North for purchasing the sweeper.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Strom reported that he had been cleaning up snow. And he has been helping Anderson with water samples.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED: the clerk added claims for the fire department from Santa day. Kowaliuk made a motion, Matthew seconded, to pay the fire department claims. **M/S/P – Kowaliuk/Matthew/Shablow.**

ADJOURNMENT: Shablow made a motion, Matthew seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. **M/S/P – Shablow/Matthew/Kowaliuk.**

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on January 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm.