

City of Lake Bronson Regular Council Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm. Council members present J. Frei, C. Strom, P. Shablow, D. Shablow. City employees present S. Lund, V. Lundberg. Public present C. Nelson, L. Kowaliuk.

The Pledge to the Allegiance to the American flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: P. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2021 council meeting. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/C. Strom/All.**

Cole Nelson, project manager with MNDOT, talked to the council about the reconstruction plan of highway 59 in 2026 in Lake Bronson. Nelson asked if the City plans to make any water lines changes on highway 59. The council felt they would not be. Nelson stated they have done an evaluation with ADA and they may need to be fixed the sidewalks on the west side and some other changes to the current road structure.

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Kowaliuk asked when the hazardous waste posting would go out. And she wants to see this put on the water bills. Kowaliuk also brought V. Hill's water bill to ask why she had a \$5.00 late charge on it when the council had said that Hill would not get finance charges. P. Shablow stated that the council never said that she would not get finance charges, but take the \$20.00 Hill felt was she was over charged for. Kowaliuk told P. Shablow to be quiet and let her finish talking. Mayor Rector reprimanded Kowaliuk and stated she could not talk to a council member like that. Kowaliuk also said the Hill's meter was at zero. P. Shablow asked why Hill was not coming to the meetings about this or talking to the clerk? Kowaliuk said that Hill requested her to do it. The clerk stated that Hill's meter is broke, Kowaliuk said there is a water main on the north end of Park that needs more gravel. And on Hill street there is a main sticking up on the tar.

P. Shablow asked that a letter be sent to Fertig's to mow their lawn, since it is an eye sore right next to the Veteran's Memorial.

OLD BUSINESS:

South/West garage door opener at city shop: C. Strom said he had ordered the wrong part and has reordered the correct part that is needed.

Lagoon Fences: C. Strom and said Goldstrand is willing to help Strom work on the lagoon fences.

Culverts on 3rd & 4th Ave also Culvert 1st & Kittson Street: Anderson Bros Construction repaired the culverts on 3rd Ave and 1st & Kittson Street. Anderson's will meet with Storm to look at the culvert on 4th Ave.

Gym door: A bid was received with two different options. P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to accept the bid for \$655.00 to install a 36" and a 24" doors from B. Toomey. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.**

Water meters not working: Tabled

Maintenance position: Interviews are schedule for June 23, 2021 at 5:15

Shrubs at Village Square: The new maintenance person will take care of these.

Painting at the village square bid: The new maintenance person will take care of this.

Change Eaves on Community Center to drain to north, repair south wall: B. Toomey will give the City a quote for changing the eaves.

Weld dumpster: The clerk talked R. Austad and possibly this week he can weld the dumpster.

The clerk stated the city had gotten a refund from Global Equipment. D. Shablow, made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to give the refund to the fire department to buy masks. **M/S/P –D. Shablow/C. Strom/All.**

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 Budget ideas: The council talked about getting a metal rood installed on the city ship. The clerk will look into how much it would cost.

Approve Fire Department Truck payment: The fire department requested that the council approves each payment so the council know why the fire department is spending so much money. C. Strom made a motion, J. Frei seconded, to approve the payment for the 2014 fire truck. **M/S/P – C. Strom/J. Frei/All.**

2021 Yard cleanups: A list was made of home owners yards that need attention. The clerk to send out letters to those of home owners.

Lawn mowing wages: P. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to pay the lawn mowing person \$17.00 retroactive.

M/S/P – P. Shablow/C. Strom/All.

American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) application and resolution approval: J. Frei made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to approve the American Recovery Plan application and resolution. **M/S/P – J. Frei/D. Shablow/All.** The council talked about using the money to work on some roads and culverts. Kowaliuk said the city should look at getting a new lift station with the money. At this time, council member C. Strom informed Kowaliuk that there were too many interruptions at the meeting and asked that she need to have her comments taken care of during the 'Citizens Concerns' portion of the meeting. That is why we have that on the agenda so that the public can raise their concerns at that time. Kowaliuk stated that she would be going from door-to-door within the city with a petition stating that the council said the public cannot speak at the meetings. V. Lundberg asked if it was possible to move the 'Citizens Concerns' to the bottom of the agenda. The council thought that was a good idea and that it would be done for next month. Kowaliuk interjected and said that she has comments on everything on the agenda and did not feel it would work.

Fire Siren: Mayor R. Rector had contacted Todd's Electric to see if they would be willing to repair the fire siren. P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to have Todd's Electric fix the fire siren and use the APRA to pay for it. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.**

Building permit: C. Strom made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to approve B. Williams building permit, to build a garage on her empty lot. **M/S/P – C. Strom/D. Shablow/All.**

Farmers Union - Prepaid fuel (\$6,000.00 paid in 2020): P. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to pay Farmers Union \$8,000.00 for prepaid fuel. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/C. Strom/All.**

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MAINTENANCE REPORT: C. Strom ordered some gravel and graded some roads. There are some stumps that need to be removed from the city dump site. Strom will talk to Anderson Bros. to remove them.

P. Shablow had talked to Lance Balderston about a tree on his property on 2nd Avenue that should be cut down. Balderston agreed to let the City take the tree down. C. Strom said that he would take care of this.

V. Lundberg thanked the council for getting the chair leg pads. And thanked Mayor R. Rector for removing the spider webs in the hall. She also said the new flags look nice.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: J. Frei made a motion, P. Shablow seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. **M/S/P – J. Frei/P. Shablow/All.**

A Special council meeting will be June 23, 2021 at 5:15pm.

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

Sandra Lund, City Clerk