

July 18, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. City Council members present: P. Shablow, J. Frei, D. Shablow, C. Strom. City employees present: S. Lund, R. Bridges. Public present: D. Brown, G. Hanson, Ron, Melinda, Kayleen Kjelland, V. Hill, L. Kowaliuk, J. Gohman, R. Anderson.

The Pledge to the American flag was given.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES: P. Shablow made a change to the minutes. P. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to approve the June 20, 2000 regular City Council Meeting minutes. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/C. Strom/All.**

CITIZENS CONCERNS/PUBLIC COMMENT: G. Hanson said there was a petition about the school and the dog park. G. Hanson asked about the school and why the city is thinking of closing it. The mayor talked about the expenses of the school, especially the heating cost for the last winter being \$7,000.00. L. Kowaliuk said people don't know how to get into the gym and people need to be able to have some place to walk and bring their children to play. L. Kowaliuk also said in the winter there is so much snow there that it is hard to get into the gym. G. Hanson suggested a donation box at the school for people to donate when they use the gym. The clerk will put a note on the water bill about getting the key for the gym from Cenex. G. Hanson asked why the city is thinking of closing the dog park? D. Shablow said the city does not own part of that property and he said the city is talking about creating an RV park there. L. Kowaliuk said she wanted to form a committee to raise money for the heat in the school gym. V. Hill asked if there would be heat in the gym this winter? The council said there would be heat. D. Shablow made a motion, J. Frei seconded to approve Kowaliuk to start a non-profit committee to raise money for the school gym heat. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/J. Frei/All.** Kowaliuk said that the picnic tables should be moved in the shade.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION: J. Gohman talked to the council about approving a grant for a council member. He also said that there is still money in the account and the program will end in the fall of 2023. J. Frei made a motion, C. Strom seconded to approve the grant for a council member to receive funds for housing repairs. **M/S/P – J. Frei/C. Strom/P. Shablow. D. Shablow abstained.** J. Gohman left the meeting.

D. Brown asked who mowed C. Olson's lawn. V. Hill said D. Turn did. G. Hanson asked if the store would be open soon and M. Kjelland explained what is going on now and said they are working on it and hope to open it soon.

R. ANDERSON: Talked to the council about the weeds at the lagoons. D. Shablow made a motion, P. Shablow seconded, to purchase a sprayer to be used at the lagoons for spraying weeds from T. Rector for \$350.00. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/P. Shablow/All.** Anderson said after the weeds are sprayed they need to be cleaned up. C. Strom suggested that maybe they could be burnt.

R. Anderson, the Kjellans' and G. Hanson left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Codification - Old Ordinances: P. Shablow asked if the council could have a special meeting in September to work on the ordinance without so much else going on. The council will set a date at the August meeting.

APRA Lagoon Transfer Gates & Lift Station Lid: The clerk said the company that they will be replacing lake Bronson's gates and will also be replacing Lancaster's gates around the same time.

Siding on Community Center, Replace carpet outside community center, Fire Department siding, gutters: These items are still on the schedule to be fixed this year.

Culverts on 4th Ave, 3rd, and DAC: Mayor R. Rector asked R. Bridges if the work has been scheduled. R. Bridges said he has been in contact with Anderson's but they are currently working on some flooding issues.

Prepaid fuel: P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow seconded to prepay \$12,000.00 for propane. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.**

2023 Budget: The council and the clerk reviewed the 2023 budget and will review it again next month.

Revolving loan fund - contingent on sale of store: This will be discussed when the Kjellans' purchase the store.

Camping at city park: The clerk will have a sign made that states portable fire rings are allowed, no alcohol, and to pay \$15.00 per night at the city drop box at the center. L. Kowaliuk talked about the city's insurance coverage and asked if fires were covered under the policy.

Ballot question: The council asked the clerk to remove this question.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids from machinery sale: Several sealed bids were received for the used machinery the city had for sale. The road grader when to R. Johnson for \$2,675.00. The box scraper when to R. Gudmundson for \$520.00. The score board went to C. Anderson for \$1,001.00. The mosquito sprayer when to E. Klinefelter for \$51.01. D. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded to accept these bids. **M/S/P –D. Shablow/C. Strom/All.**

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Interim Financial Report are in the council packet: P. Shablow asked the clerk if she saw any problems with this report. The clerk said the city had received the property taxes already. The maintenance supplies were up by over \$1,000.00, the city shop's expenses are high. The school gym expenses were also high. The water and sewer accounts look good. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/J. Frei/All.**

Hazardous waste pickup: Tuesday, August 2 from 11:30 to 12:30 in front of Legion

Election training: The clerk said she had election training tomorrow. L. Kowaliuk said only judges have election training. The clerk said that all clerks in every city and township have to go to training also.

TABLED ITEMS: These items were not discussed.

Condemning a house

Manhole repair on Hill Street: Summer 2023

Christmas light on order - Letters to residents

L. Kowaliuk, V. Hill and D. Brown all left the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MAINTENANCE REPORT: R. Bridges said he was working on Bronson Fest list. He is fixing the spray. R. Bridges said damaged a crank handle on R. Rector's trailer and he wants to replace it. R. Rector will look at it. R. Bridges explained that the mower is now repaired. R. Bridges will work on the dog park and the lagoons. Strom told R. Bridges to empty the old sprayer before selling it. P. Shablow asked R. Bridges to collect all the Bronson fest items and put them in the city shop.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: C. Strom made a motion, J. Frei seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. **M/S/P – C. Strom/J. Frei/All.**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be on August 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk