

August 15, 2022

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. City Council members present: C. Strom, D. Shablow, P. Shablow, J. Frei. City employees present: S. Lund, R. Bridges. Public present: D. Brown, L. Demaine.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES:** P. Shablow made a motion, J. Frei seconded, to approve the July 18, 2022 regular City Council Meeting minutes. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/J. Frei/All.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Revolving loan fund:** The council reviewed the revolving loan application that was received from Bronson Market, LLC. D. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to approve the revolving loan for \$60,000.00 for a 10 year span to Bronson Market LLC. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/C. Strom/All.**

**APRA Lagoon Transfer Gates & Lift Station Lid:** The clerk reported nothing has happened with this yet.  
**Siding on Community Center, Replace carpet outside community center, Fire Department siding, gutters.** The clerk reported that all the work was complete.

**Culverts on 4th Ave, 3rd, and DAC:** Bridges said we are still waiting on the contractors. R. Rector talked about R. Austad's garage and how it floods. R. Rector wants to find a solution to the problem. The clerk was asked to call Anderson Brothers to help find a solution.

**2023 Budget:** P. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to approve the 2023 budget as presented. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/C. Strom/All.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tax Levy and Resolution:** P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to approve the 2023 tax levy resolution. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.**

R. Rector talked about the basketball courts backboards that need to be fixed because there were damaged by vandalism.

**Ball park winterization:** Bridges will blow out the lines and close the ball park bathrooms for the year.

**Spraying lagoon:** Bridges said he has been spraying. C. Strom suggested burning and spraying again. Bridges said he would need to get more spray. C. Strom said he will mix the chemical for spraying the lagoons from now on. C. Strom said the spray should have killed the trees. Bridges was told to cut down the trees also.

**Set ordinance meeting date:** D. Shablow made a motion, J. Frei seconded, have a special council meeting on August 29th at 5pm for the council to discuss the ordinances and condemning houses. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/J. Frei/All.** The clerk asked the council to review the current city ordinances before the meeting and handed out ordinance packets to the council.

**Clerks hours:** C. Strom made a motion, D. Shablow seconded to allow the clerk to keep her current hours from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm with a one hour dinner break at noon. **M/S/P – C. Strom/D. Shablow/All.**

**Serve coffee and sweets for safety meeting:** The clerk requested to purchase coffee and sweets to serve at the LMC Safety meeting for city clerks and maintenance persons that Lake Bronson will be hosting in September. The council said that was fine.

**TABLED ITEMS:**

Condemning a house

Manhole repair on Hill Street: Summer 2023. Bridges said G. Zondaugh will be coming by and giving us suggestions and maybe Anderson's will repair it.

Christmas light on order

R. Rector thanked the council members for helping before Bronson Fest to clean up the town.

R. Rector left the meeting and C. Storm took over the meeting as acting mayor.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:** L. Demaine talked about her water bill and being overcharged for water usage. The council reviewed the account. D. Shablow made a motion, J. Frei seconded to give Demaine a check for \$27.16 and this issue is closed and will the council and city employees not be discussed this same issue again. L. Demaine asked when the city is going to burn the coolie. C. Strom said soon. L. Demaine left the meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** D. Shablow said the basketball court needs to be cleaned up and the glass removed out of the backboards. Bridges suggested the fire department could help with this. The clerk pointed out that their trucks would rut

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up the ball field. The council talked about this. The council about getting new padlocks on things. D. Brown left the meeting.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT:** Bridges will put the dog park fence back up. Bridges noticed that trees are hanging over roads. He will supply the clerk with a list of home owners that will need to trim their trees and she will send them letters. Bridges asked the council if they were going to do his 6 month review. They said yes. Bridges said the generator needs to get running. C. Strom said he is trying to get an answer from the person who fixes it. D. Shablow asked what the maintenance man for a report. Bridges said he has been changing out meters. He stated that he has completed 4 out of the 10 meters that need replacing. C. Strom said he should have been done by now changing meters out of houses. P. Shablow said the ditches by the Maverick and legion need to be mowed. Bridges stated that he had done these 2 weeks prior, but P. Shablow said they had not been done. C. Strom said that Bridges needs to use the push mower and weed eater on the ditches if needed instead of leaving them until they dry up. D. Shablow said the weeds were very high by the ball diamond. Bridges stated that he had done them two weeks prior. D. Shablow stated that no way had the weeds grown that high in two weeks. Bridges said he will look at them, and that it was his opinion. D. Shablow asked when? D. Shablow said the dew is too heavy in the mornings to spray. Bridges stated that he has talked to the experts who say it does not matter if there is dew or a light rain when spraying. D. Shablow asked for the experts phone number. Bridges would not supply him with the number. The Council decided to change the spraying hours to Monday and Thursday between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. D. Shablow said the Bridges knew when he started that his hours would be changed. C. Strom said he noticed that Bridge's has swept all the dirt to the middle of the road and he should have swept it to the end of the road where there is gravel. Bridges again stated that he had swept it to the end of the road. C. Strom said the personal computer has to go out of the shop as it is too distracting. There is no reason for the maintenance person to have a computer as the clerk can look up what he needs and she does all the maintenance reporting to the State. C. Strom said there is hole by the Lutheran church that needs to be filled in with gravel. C. Strom also said that the lagoon should be weed whacked and the fences should be straightened. D. Shablow said to spray the playground again. The council reviewed Bridges work. C. Strom said he feels Bridges should be kept on probation. Bridges said he is giving the city 100%, and didn't feel like he could give the city any more. D. Shablow stated that the work he has already done has not been 100 percent and the council would like to see better work habits in the future. P. Shablow asked Bridges about water training and Bridges said he has been training with R. Anderson. D. Shablow said he thinks Bridge's should be kept on probation and to freeze his wages. The clerk said that in his job description it states that he must pass the wastewater test to keep his employment, if he does not pass the test it is an automatic dismissal. C. Strom told Bridges he should not be asking people to help him with his job and to be borrowing things from citizens. C. Strom said he should be contacting the assigned council member who takes care of employees questions and asking for time off. C. Strom said if the council extends the probation there will be no more taking time off and not to be missing work. P. Shablow stated that when Bridge's had volunteers helping paint the picnic tables and curbs, she saw him sitting along them in the pickup just watching them do the work. A vote was taken to extend Bridges probation to another 6 months. Count was as follows: D. Shablow = Yes, J. Frei = Yes, P/ Shablow = Yes. D. Shablow made a motion, P. Shablow seconded, to freeze R. Bridge's wages for the next 6 months and keep him on probation for another 6 months. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/P. Shablow/All.** C. Strom asked Bridge's what time of the day he was reading the lift station numbers. Bridges said sometime between 8 and 9. C. Strom said it has to be read the same time daily.

**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:** J. Frei made a motion, P. Shablow seconded, to approve the Fire Department claims. **M/S/P – J. Frei/P. Shablow/All.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** D. Shablow made a motion, P. Shablow seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/P. Shablow/All.**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be on September 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm.