

November 14, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Acting Mayor C. Strom called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. City Council members present: J. Frei, P. Shablow, D. Shablow, and R. Rector via telephone. City employees present: S. Lund. Public present: R. Bridges.

The Pledge to the American flag was given.

Approval of Minutes: D. Shablow made a motion, J. Frei seconded, to approve the regular City Council Meeting minutes from October 17, 2022. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/J. Frei/All.**

Citizen Concerns: R. Bridges asked the City to donate money to the HannaHRay's Pantry. The clerk will check with the league and see if it is possible and bring the information to the next meeting. D. Shablow asked R. Bridges if they had thought about sending out donation letters and making posters to put around town. Bridges said they put up flyers and were getting ready to send letters to businesses. R. Bridges left the meeting.

Old Business:

North Kittson Rural Water (NKRW) Increase Effective Jan 1, 2023 with the approval of the Appointment Rates and Fees in January: Some discussion was had about raising the water prices. The clerk said that the new base rate for 2,000 gallons of water will be \$47.70 monthly for city residential users. D. Shablow made a motion, P. Shablow seconded, to raise water rates to cover the increase from NKRW for all water users in the city. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/P. Shablow/All.**

Employee Policy: The council needed to sign the city 2002 employee policy.

HannaHRay's water: The clerk reported that she had contacted LMC to see if the City could give the Pantry free water. They said "without express authority by charter or statute, cities do not have the authority to approve or give away public funds as donation to any person, corporation or private institution".

New Business:

Election Canvassing Resolution: Acting Mayor C. Strom read the outcome of the election with R. Rector running for the mayor's position winning with 66 votes. Council members P. Shablow had 42 votes to win the council seat and C. "Skip" Strom won the second council seat with 41 votes. P. Shablow made a motion, J. Frei seconded, to approve the election results. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/J. Frei/All.**

D. Shablow asked if anyone had a problem with keeping the maintenance a part time position. R. Rector said he feels the City should have a full time person to fill the position.

Yearly Resolution for Polling Place: P. Shablow made a motion, J. Frei seconded, to approve the polling place resolution. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/J. Frei/All.**

2014 Pumper Fire Truck payment approval (\$8,825.26): J. Frei made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to approve the payment for the truck. **M/S/P – J. Frei/D. Shablow/All.**

Criminal Background Check Policy Approval: P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to approve the background check policy and employee release form. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.**

Codification: P. Shablow and C. Strom are still reading the ordinances the clerk gave them. This was tabled.

Review Maintenance Applications & Schedule Interview Date: The council set Tuesday November 22 starting at 9 am to interview the maintenance applicants.

Council Roundtable: D. Shablow said the fire department is interested in purchasing the house by the fire department on 2nd Avenue for \$2,000.00. The fire department would utilize the property for training and parking for extra vehicles. The fire chief will be asked to attend the next regular council meeting. D. Shablow asked if the home owners at 335 South 3rd Avenue had moved out. C. Strom said they had not totally moved out and would be heating the house for a while yet. D. Shablow said he wanted the water meter removed from the property as soon as they were done moving because they have an outstanding bill with the city. C. Strom said after the water was drained he would remove the meter.

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.**

Adjournment: P. Shablow made a motion, J. Frei seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/J. Frei/All.**

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

Sandra Lund, City Clerk