

March 20, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Acting Mayor C. Strom called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. City Council members present: P. Shablow, D. Shablow. City employees present: S. Lund, B. Schmiedeberg. Public present: D. Brown, T. Carlson.

The Pledge to the American flag was given.

Approval of Minutes: D. Shablow made a motion, P. Shablow seconded to approve the Lake Bronson Regular City Council Meeting minutes from February 21, 2022. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/P. Shablow/All.**

Cole Nelson from MNDOT was not able to be at the meeting but sent information for the council about the 2026 highway 59 road construction plans. P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow seconded to approve the changes MNDOT wants to make to highway 59. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.**

Mayor R. Rector entered the meeting and chaired the meeting.

Citizen Concerns: D. Brown asked why Brazier's have not removed the slide from the school? D. Shablow asked about the dip in the road on Marshall Street. The council said it happens every year, and said more gravel can be added after snow is gone. Snow removal was discussed. D. Shablow made a motion, P. Shablow seconded to thank some people in town who have helped with snow removal. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/P. Shablow/All.**

The gym lights were discussed. B. Schmiedeberg was told to ask the Kittson County Museum if they would like a few old light fixtures from the gym. Todd's Electric will be in next week to replace the light fixtures in the gym and B. Schmiedeberg will ask Todd if he can remove the score board in the gym for the museum. B. Schmiedeberg will be helping Todd's Electric install the new lights and take down the score board.

New Business:

Donations to EMT's in Kittson County and Tri-County in Karlstad (\$100.00 each in past years): P. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded to donate to the two county EMT's. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/C. Strom/All.**

Clerk's hours: P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow seconded to allow the clerk up to 40 hours per week and to not clock out at noon. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.**

Snow removal: Was discussed earlier in the meeting.

School gym - paint & age limit: P. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded to purchase paint for Ronnie Austad and Jill Frei to paint the gym floor this summer. B. Schmiedeberg will help clean and prepare the floor for paint. The clerk will change the age limit sign at Cenex for signing out the keys to 18.

Lawn mower: After much discussion about a new lawn mower, P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow seconded to purchase a Toro lawn mower for no more than \$7,800.00. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.** The mayor and B. Schmiedeberg will go to look at new mowers.

D. Shablow said we have a 55 gallon drum that could be used for lawn mower fuel at the city shop. D. Shablow made a motion, P. Shablow seconded to purchase 91-94% octane from Northdale Oil for lawn mower and to store in the city shop in the 55 gallon drum.

B. Schmiedeberg said that Titan Machinery will take the New Holland tractor to do an 85 point check of the engine and to put the new bucket on the tractor.

Abstracts: The clerk asked the council what to do with the 2 abstracts for property that the city no longer owns and the council told her to give them to the current property owners.

Fans in the city shop were discussed and Todd's Electric can install two ceiling fans for \$1,300.00. No motion was made.

Council Roundtable: The clerk was told to put out reminders that the gym is open for people to use, and to sign out the keys at Cenex. The clerk will put up flyers and an advertisement in the paper.

P. Shablow asked T. Carlson if she would be interested in becoming a city council member to fill J. Frei's remaining term. T. Carlson accepted the position. C. Strom made a motion, P. Shablow seconded to appoint T. Carlson as a city council members to fill J. Frei's remaining term. **M/S/P – C. Strom/P. Shablow/All.** Mayor R. Rector welcomed T. Carlson to the City council. T. Carlson was sworn in by the clerk.

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

Adjournment: P. Shablow made a motion, D. Shablow, to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. **M/S/P – P. Shablow/D. Shablow/All.**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be on April 17, 2023 at 5:30 pm.