

May 15, 2023

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor R. Rector called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. City Council members present: D. Shablow, T. Carlson, C. Strom. P Shablow, was absent. City employees present: S. Lund & Brett Schmiedeberg. No public was present:

The Pledge to the American flag was given.

**Approval of Minutes:** D. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to approve the Lake Bronson Regular City Council Meeting minutes from April 17, 2023. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/C. Strom/T. Carlson.**

C. Strom made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to approve the minutes of the City Assessment meeting from May 2, 2023. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/C. Strom/T. Carlson.**

**Citizen Concerns:** The clerk said B. Blomquist wants the stumps & pallets removed from the city dump pile. C. Strom will call the landfill and see if they take them. The clerk will call B. Blomquist and see how much he would charge the city to remove them. The water shut off cover was removed from the street by Zion Church. The clerk said there were more covers in the shop. The manhole by Zion Church was also discussed and it needs more dirt on it.

**Old Business:**

**APRA Lagoon Transfer Gates** - The company that will be replacing them should be in Lake Bronson the end May.

**Gym lights:** Mayor R. Rector said the old gym lights had been sold to an antique dealer from Bemidji for \$500.00. The same dealer wants to purchase the backdrops at the gym and go into to the school to see what can be salvaged. Brett S. said he had contacted Deana Larson from St. Thomas, North Dakota about the City of Lake Bronson getting grants to remove the old school and put up a better play ground. Brett S. said we should talk to Brazier to come take the slide off the school. C. Strom said he would talk to them.

**Cenex sewer hookup:** The mayor read a letter from MNDOT stating that if the City wanted to connect Cenex to the current sewer lines, it would be at the City's expense. The clerk was told to contact A. Braget at Cenex and explain the situation to her and have her talk to the board and see if they would still be interested in doing this.

**New Business:**

**Council appointments** D. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to appoint T. Carlson, council member to the following council appointments; Employee & Equipment and Safety Committee to replace J. Frei. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/C. Strom/T. Carlson.**

T. Carlson asked the clerk about the assessment training. The clerk said she would get her the information.

**Bronson Fest Street dance, close off road** - C. Strom made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to approve the Lake Bronson Improvement Committee to close off 1st Avenue for a street dance on August 5th 2023. **M/S/P – C. Strom/D. Shablow/T. Carlson.**

**Clerk's time off:** The clerk informed the council she would be gone from May 11 to June 5, 2023 for sick leave as per the note from her doctor.

**Maintenance Report:** Brett S. said A. Cochrane took off the Ford evap canister, so the pickup can be filled faster and use a gas can to be filled. A. Cochrane also put receiver hitch on the pickup. Brett S. said he took the bar lights off the pickup because most of the light did not work, then he said we can get a new LED set from Amazon for about \$40.00. Brett S. said T. Shablow had mowed on Sunday. Brett S. said we should fix the sidewalks on Main street. C. Strom said the city does not own the sidewalks on Main Street. 1st Ave was then discussed. Brett S. said there is a place that has premade sidewalks. It was said the county should be called to fix the sidewalks on main street.

**Council Roundtable:** Brett S. said we should hire a kid in town to mow for the 8 weeks he is on medical leave. The clerk said he was not old enough and the State says the person mowing has to be at least 16 years of age to mow. Then he said we should hire Barb Thorsteinson, who mowed for Kennedy to mow for Lake Bronson this summer. The clerk suggested J. Frei to mow. C. Strom made a motion, T. Carlson seconded for J. Frei and E. Austad to mow while Brett S. is out on Medical leave. **M/S/P – C. Strom/T. Carlson/D. Shablow.** Brett S. asked the clerk if we received a letter that the mosquito sprayer needed to be checked. She said no. C. Strom said that was coming up soon and Brett S. said he would take it to Roseau to be checked. Mayor R. Rector said the sale of the gym lights should cover the cost of a new pressure washer. T. Carlson made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to purchase a pressure washer. **M/S/P – T. Carlson/C. Strom/D. Shablow.** Mayor R. Rector said he has talked to the county sheriff about sentence to serve and the sheriff will get back to the mayor if they are willing to do this.

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**City Bills/Claims to be Audited:** D. Shablow asked what items were purchased at Auto Value and the clerk said she did not get slips from maintenance to know that. The clerk reminded Brett S. that he needs to turn in all slips and write on them what vehicle the items go for. D. Shablow made a motion, C. Strom seconded, to approve the city claims. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/C. Strom/T. Carlson.**

**Fire Department Bills/Claims to be Audited:** C. Strom made a motion, D. Shablow seconded, to approve the Fire Department claims. **M/S/P – M/S/P – C. Strom/D. Shablow/T. Carlson.**

**Adjournment:** D. Shablow made a motion, T. Carlson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. **M/S/P – D. Shablow/ C. Carlson/C. Strom.**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be on June 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

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Sandra Lund, City Clerk