

April 16, 2024

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Bobby Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. City Council members present: T. Carlson, C. Strom, P. Shablow, M. Kjelland at 5:45pm. City employee S. Lund was absent. Public present: D. Brown, L. Kowaliuk.

The Pledge to the American flag was given.

**Approval of Minutes:** Carlson made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the amended minutes of the Lake Bronson Regular City Council Meeting minutes from March 18, 2024. All members in favor.

**Citizen Concerns:** Kowaliuk requested an itemized bill on her delinquent account. She stated she did not receive. Schmiedeberg showed her the itemized account. Kowaliuk stated she gave the clerk a check for an escrow account to put money in. Schmiedeberg stated the city cannot accept an escrow check as there is no escrow account. Kowaliuk stated she was instructed to do so. Kowaliuk said she would take her statement home and look at it and come to the next meeting. Kowaliuk commented the meter reading was not consistent and needs to be done the same day every month.

**Old Business: Employee Policy:** The policy was reviewed. There was not further discussion on the policy. It was approved as written on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Strom. All in favor.

**New Business:** Pet clinic was discussed. It will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the fire department from 5-7pm. The clerk will make posters to hang at Cenex, post office and the store. **Interim Financial Report:** Carlson asked a few questions on the actual versus the yearly budget. Schmiedeberg answered the questions. With no further discussion, this was approved on a motion by Strom and seconded by Carlson. All members in favor. **Board of Appeals Meeting set for May 7, 2024 at 9am:** Carlson and Shablow will be attending. **Firefighters Retirement Plan:** The State contacted the city stating that there needed to be an increase in their benefit level. Previously at \$900.00 the State suggested going to \$1,400.00. That was approved on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Kjelland to approve resolution No. 04152024. **Donation to pantry:** This was not acted on. **Bulk water rate increase (last increase was 2020)** this was tabled until numbers can be obtained. **In the absence of the treasurer can the acting mayor sign checks in her place:** No action taken at this time.

**Maintenance Report: Lagoon.** Schmiedeberg stated that there seems to be a pipe sticking up. After ice thaws we will have to inspect and fix if possible. A lot of work needs to be done. Trees are growing up and need to be removed. Suggested maybe doing one side of the fence per year. The bucket is going to be taken off the tractor. Hydrants need to be flushed. Strom will contact the clerk so it can be posted.

**Council Roundtable:** Discussed a different option for billing residential water rate. Schmiedeberg is going to check more on this for next month. Kjelland stated there is an energy grant that we could maybe get if the council will give a letter of support from the city council. Currently working on a grant to obtain a student to work up a viability plan for a city campground. After that the city will be able to search for grants to help with funding. Carlson is going to write a letter of support on behalf of the city council.

**City Claims to be Audited:** Motion by Strom seconded by Kjelland. All in favor.

**Fire Department Claims to be Audited:** Carlson made a motion Kjelland seconded. All in favor.

No further business the meeting adjourned on a motion by Carlson and seconded by Strom all in favor.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be on May 20, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

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