

September 23, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:28pm. City Council members present: M. Kjelland, P. Shablow, T. Carlson, C. Strom. City employee present: S. Lund. Public present: C. Rayamajhi, M. Land, D. Brown, D. Hayes, J. Wynne, L. Kowaliuk, G. Hansen, R. Kjelland, R. Bridges.

The pledge to the American flag was given.

Approval of Minutes: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the Lake Bronson Regular City Council Meeting minutes from August 26, 2024. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Northwest Community Action: Schmiedeberg opened a public hearing meeting for Northwest Community Action. Hayes said the City of Lake Bronson was awarded \$379,500.00 in 2019 for a DEED Small Cities Housing Program. There had been several extensions to this program because of covid and such. The City had been funded to rehabilitate fifteen (15) homes and we exceeded our goal with sixteen (16) homes. All the money has been committed and contractors are finishing all the contracts. Jon Wynne was present and informed the council that he is working with energy projects, such as solar and wind and other types of energy resources. If the City is interested in any of these, they need to contact Wynne. Schmiedeberg closed the Northwest Community Action portion of the public hearing.

Citizen Concerns: Kowaliuk said she had some points to make #1 the water bill at her rental property needs to be adjusted. #2 Her house meter read over 4,000 gallons last month and it has never read that high. Kowaliuk said she never uses over 2,000 gallons a month. #2 Kowaliuk said we have a contract with Banyon and one with Ferguson and she has not seen anything in the minutes, Kowaliuk complained once again that the clerk failed to contact P. Anderson to install the water lines from the curb stop to her rental house. Schmiedeberg said neither the city or the clerk are responsible for contacting a contractor for a homeowner. Hanson brought up that renters should pay their water bills and if they do not the city should contact the homeowner about the bill. Schmiedeberg showed Hanson and Kowaliuk the State law says the homeowner is responsible for the water bill and our water policy reflects that. Kowaliuk and Hanson argued about that with Schmiedeberg. Kowaliuk complained she does not understand the water bills. Kowaliuk requested her escrow check back Schmiedeberg said that the city had tried previously to return her check, but she would not take it back. The clerk retrieved the check, and Schmiedeberg gave the check back to Kowaliuk. Kowaliuk continued to bring up other issues, but Schmiedeberg said we needed to move on with the meeting, and he would go over her water bill with her at another time.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Delinquent garbage accounts from Anderson Sanitation: Strom made a motion, Shablow seconded to approve the delinquent garbage roll from Anderson Sanitation. **M/S/P – Strom/Shablow/All.**

Water bill assessment on property tax (121 S State Ave): Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded, to assess the water bill on the property tax. **M/S/P – Strom/Carlson/All.**

Treasurer's pay: Shablow made a motion, Kjelland seconded, to pay the treasurer monthly as it should be from now on. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kjelland/All.**

Delinquent water bills: The clerk gave a list of past due water bills and meters that were not working. Shablow tabled this item until next month.

Second Bridge Mercantile property: Shablow made a motion, Kjelland seconded, to send Second Bridge Mercantile a bill for mowing their property on main street this past summer, in the amount of \$800.00. **M/S/P – Shablow/Kjelland/All.**

LMC Insurance: Schmiedeberg will ask a contractor to give the city quotes on some properties the city owns, for the insurance company. This is being done to see if the city can lower their insurance rates.

Building Permit: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the building permit for the museum to make safety improvements in the parking lot and sidewalks. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

County meeting September 30th at the Community Center at 6pm

Widseth representatives will be in Lake Bronson this week looking for active wells and talking to homeowners.

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There was no Maintenance Report.

There was no Council Roundtable discussion.

City Bills/Claims audited by the city council: Carlson made a motion, Strom seconded, to pay the city claims as presented. **M/S/P – Carlson/Strom/All.**

Fire Department Bills/Claims audited by the city council: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to pay the fire department claims as presented. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Adjournment: Strom made a motion, Kjelland seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. **M/S/P – Strom/Kjelland/All.**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk

City of Lake Bronson Town Hall Meeting
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Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 6:30pm City Council members present: M. Kjelland, P. Shablow, T. Carlson, C. Strom. City employee present: S. Lund. Presenters: C. Rayamajhi and M. Land. Concerned citizens from the public were at the meeting.

Schmiedeberg turned the meeting over to C. Rayamajhi and M. Land to present a campground feasibility study using a slide show as a guide for the public. Other options for a grant were discussed, for grants and various things for the city.

The audience asked questions, and they were answered. After the discussion, the public was asked to write their ideas on large pages that were on tables in the room. M. Land will take these ideas and see if he can incorporate them into the study. They plan to come back in January with more information and plans for another meeting.

C. Rayamajhi and M. Land let the audience know that no money has been spent by the city on this project and no decisions have been made by the council.

Adjournment: Strom made a motion, Kjelland seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. **M/S/P – Storm/Kjelland/All.**

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