

December 16, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor B. Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. City Council members present: P. Shablow, T. Carlson, C. Strom, M. Kjelland. City employees present: S. Lund. No public was present.

The pledge to the American flag was given.

Approval of Minutes: Carlson made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the Lake Bronson Regular City Council Meeting minutes as amended from November 12, 2024. **M/S/P – //All.**

There were no Citizen Concerns.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Final Tax Levy Resolution: Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded, to approve the final 2025 budget. **M/S/P – Strom/Carlson/Shablow.**

2024 Fire Department secretaries' wages (\$500.00): Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to pay Brandi Veer the fire department secretary wages for 2024. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/Carlson.**

2025 City Council meeting dates: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the 2025 regular council meeting dates. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/Carlson.**

M. Kjelland entered the meeting.

2025 USDA Water Bond Payment: **Carlson** made a motion, Shablow seconded, to approve the 2024 Water Bond payment in the amount of \$40,031.25. **M/S/P – Carlson/Shablow/All.**

2025 Wastewater contract: Strom made a motion, Shablow seconded, to approve Robert Anderson as the wastewater superintendent for 2025. **M/S/P – Strom/Shablow/All.**

2025 Water contract: Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded, to approve Robert Anderson as the water superintendent for 2025. **M/S/P – Strom/Carlson/All.**

2025 Brush Pile Contract: Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded, to sign the yearly agreement with Bruce Blomquist for the brush pile property the city uses. **M/S/P – Strom/Carlson/All.**

Employee Reviews: Tabled until council members find a form to use.

City employee raises, effective Jan 1, 2025: Strom made a motion, Kjelland seconded, to give the treasurer and the custodian a 5% raise for 2025. The treasurer's pay will be \$350.68 per month and the custodians' pay will be \$16.00 per hour. **M/S/P – Strom/Kjelland/All.** Kjelland made a motion, Carlson seconded, to give the city clerk a 5% raise also. The clerk will be making \$22.05 per hour in 2025. **M/S/P – Kjelland/Carlson/All.**

Water Assessment – 334 S. 4th Ave: The clerk presented the council with a property that the water has been shut off for lack of payment and they have a past due balance, and the homeowner has not made a payment December of 2023.

Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to file an assessment with the county tax office. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Fire Department Applicant: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve Zander Anderson's application for the fire department. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Fire Truck payment (\$8,825.26): Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to approve the December fire truck payment. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

Fire Department Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan Resolution: Carlson made a motion, Kjelland seconded, to raise the fire fighters pension plan from \$900. Ti \$1,300.00. **M/S/P – Carlson/Kjelland/All.**

Opioid Settlement Meeting for council members, first responders and city staff: Schmiedeberg will attend the meeting scheduled for December 17, 2024, at the county courthouse.

Maintenance Report: Schmiedeberg said the new lawn mower is here and in storage, the tractor bucket has been changed for snow removal, the brush pile has been burnt, loser vent boxes in the center are in. Two customers' water have been shut off for the winter, the fire hydrants are winterized. The two signs in town have been straightened and the heater core in the sweeper is fixed.

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Council Roundtable: The county sent a letter about the ordinance the is making for cannabis. The city can make their own or follow the county ordinance. The council tabled this for a month. Schmiedeberg said he has been talking with another town about how their water billing procedure and how they collect money and what their policies are. This was tabled, until more information can be received. The clerk brought 3 delinquent water bill accounts to the council and the council agreed the homeowners must pay their bills. Schmiedeberg said the government wants the army surplus track vehicle back and they have a 1991 track vehicle that can be purchased for \$12,800.00. The DNR is looking for a trailer to haul a track vehicle. Strom made a motion, Carlson seconded, to purchase the track vehicle. **M/S/P – Strom/Carlson/All.**

City Bills/Claims audited by the city council:

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

Adjournment: Shablow made a motion, Strom seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. **M/S/P – Shablow/Strom/All.**

The next scheduled regular City Council meeting is for January 21, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Sandra Lund, City Clerk