

Whalan City Council Meeting

January 18th, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Marlys Tuftin, Clerk Karla Merchlewitz, Council Members Kim Berekvam, Tonya Cook, and Thore Johnson

Absent: Council member Owen Lewis

Visitors: Ben Ruberg, Dave Ruberg, Ric Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Mayor

The agenda was reviewed. Motion to Approve by Johnson, 2nd by Cook. Carried.

December meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Cook, 2nd by Berekvam. Carried.

Corrections included Zoning meeting would be held each month after the city council meetings starting February 15th, 2020.

Corrections in minutes: the January electric and zoning meetings were changed to January 8th, 2020.

Treasurer's report provided by Clerk Merchlewitz. Read and approved by Johnson, 2nd by Berekvam. Carried.

Bills report provided by Clerk Merchlewitz. Read and approved for payments by Berekvam, 2nd by Cook. Carried.

Old Business:

1. Electric Performance Meeting on January 9th, 2020. Motion was made to approve Cost of Service Study (estimated cost of \$600) for electric utility
Motion by: Cook, 2nd by Berekvam. Carried.
2. Minnesota Basic Code review meeting was on January 9th, 2020. Book was divided up into sections and will work on it for next meeting.
3. City will get a PO Box in Lanesboro at the Post Office. The cost of the box is \$56 a year. Marlys will pick up the mail. 2nd pick up person is Berekvam, 3rd is Johnson. Clerk Merchlewitz will set up a new email address for the city. Motion was made approved by Johnson, 2nd by Cook. Carried.

4. City employee status. Randy Berekvam will be a city employee.
5. Permit will be approved to Short-Term Rental on Snyder Property. (Non resort). Motion to approve by Cook, 2nd by Berekvam. The Zoning committee will work on a new permit form for May.

New BusinessL

1. City will bill customer for charge of requested contractor services from 11-20-19. (see MI Energy Statement) Motion approved by Cook, 2nd by Johnson. Carried.
2. MI Energy trouble calls and work requests: The current policy is for a member of the council to call in electric utility problems. The customer's responsibility for repair costs are from the Box and Socket to their house or other structures. Council discussed when it comes time to review our electric contract with MI Energy we need to ask if a citizen could just call if there is an outage and what the process is. Tabled for February meeting.
3. Slate of Office:
 - a. Depositor: Merchant's Bank of Lanesboro
 - b. Attorney: Terry Chiglo
 - c. Auditor: Pam Ristau
 - d. Acting Mayor: Kim Berekvam
 - e. Local Newspaper: Fillmore County Journal
 - f. Month City Council Meeting: Every 3rd Saturday, Feb, Mar, April. Will reassess new times in April for the rest of the year.
 - g. Monthly meeting time: 10:00 a.m.
 - h. Zoning meeting schedule: Monthly, until summer, held after the council meeting.

Motion to approve made by Johnson, 2nd by Cook. Carried.

4. Resolution for City Insurance Coverage – LMC (Krage) Updated policy. Inception Dates 3-24-2020. See BINDER. Put in Files. Motion approved by Berekvam, 2nd by Cook. Carried.

Motion to Adjourn by Cook, 2nd Johnson. Carried. Meeting closed at 11:00a.m.