

**Whalan City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, January 9, 2023**  
**Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom**

**Present:** Marlys Tuftin, Sheila Higbe, Kim Berekvam, and Thore E. Johnson

**Absent:** Owen Lewis

**Visitors:** Dave Ruberg, Randy Berekvam, Melanie Murphy, David and Tammy Hallum, Barb Jeffers, Jae Julianne , and Ben Ruberg.

**Regular Meeting:**

Mayor Tuftin called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**
- B. Agenda:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Street Light to Miscellaneous. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Council Meeting were read by Mayor Tuftin. Member Higbe motioned to approve the minutes with a correction to the year for the next meeting as well as the correction of Member Berekvams pay from \$300 to \$250. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Treasurer's Report:** Clerk Peterson provided the treasurer's report. The following are the balances as of 12/31/2022: General Fund \$51,983.77, Court Reimbursement Fund \$14,638.00, Taste of the Trail \$3,130.55, Ballfield Fund \$1,135.06, Beautification Fund \$187.00, American Recovery Act Funding \$7,212.62, Small Cities Assist \$9,657.50, General Capital \$27,388.25, and Electric Fund \$36,380.49. Member Johnson motioned to approve the treasurer's report including the following accounts payable:

| <u>Claim No</u> | <u>Vendor</u>                    | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Check Number</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Payroll         | Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2022 | \$585.24      | 6128                |
| Payroll         | Payroll Period Ending 12/31/2022 | \$755.15      | 6131                |
| 109231          | IRS                              | \$438.69      | Electronic          |
| 109232          | MN Department of Revenue         | \$77.26       | Electronic          |
| 109233          | MN PERA                          | \$295.68      | Electronic          |
| 109231          | City of Lanesboro                | \$257.50      | 6121                |
| 109232          | Whalan Museum                    | \$70.26       | 6122                |
| 109233          | Acentek                          | \$41.01       | 6123                |
| 109235          | USPS                             | \$66.00       | 6125                |
| 109237          | MiEnergy                         | \$3,580.35    | 6126                |

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| 109236 | Plunkett's Pest Control | \$42.80  | 6127 |
| 109238 | Thore Everett Johnson   | \$240.00 | 6129 |
| 109234 | Nu-Way K&H Cooperative  | \$677.29 | 6130 |

Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:**

- a. Jae Julianne: Recently built a house in Whalan and loves the area. Looking to know more about the area and be involved.

**F. New Business:**

- a. **Resolution 2023-05 Accepting Resignation and Declaring a Vacancy of the Mayor**  
**Position:** Member Higbe motioned to approve the resolution as read by Clerk Peterson. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Mayor Appointment:** Two volunteers offered to fulfill the vacant position. David Hallum noted he wanted to come forward so that Whalan was not without a Mayor. Jae Julianne noted that she takes pride in the community and service to the community. Member Johnson motioned to appoint David Hallum as the Mayor to fulfill the 2023-24 term. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Resolution 2023-06 Appointing a Mayor During a Vacancy:** Member Higbe motioned to approve the resolution as read by Clerk Peterson. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Mayor Pro-Tempore Appointment:** Member Higbe motioned to appoint Member Berekvam as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Resolution 2023-01 Designating an Official Depository:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor, motion carried.
- f. **Resolution 2023-02 Designating an Official Newspaper:** Member Berekvam motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor, motion carried.
- g. **Resolution 2023-03 Establishing a Mileage Reimbursement Rate:** Member Higbe motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- h. **Resolution 2023-04 Authorizing Signature for City Accounts:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- i. **MIEnergy Wholesale Power Agreement:** Members reviewed the purchase power contract from MiEnergy. It was noted that payments on utility accounts are monitored for past due, currently there is only one past due account. Member Berekvam motioned

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to approve the agreement as presented. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

**G. Continued Business:**

- a. Town Hall Siding:** Members reviewed the quotes previously received for siding repair and replacement. A suggestion was made to have repairs completed by volunteers. Member Higbe motioned to table the discussion. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Zoning Board:** Member Johnson motioned to appoint Jae Julianne to the board. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried. Clerk Peterson will verify if it is allowable to have two Council members on the Zoning Board.
- c. Annual Rural Board Meeting:** The Annual Rural Board Meeting will be held Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Lanesboro. Representatives from Whalan will need to be in attendance.

**Next Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURN:** Member Berekvam moved to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Higbe. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Peterson  
City Clerk/Treasurer