

Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022 5:00 p.m.
Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Dave Ruberg, Ben Ruberg, Randy Berekvam, Melanie Murphy, and Barb Jeffers

Regular Meeting:

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Agenda: Member Higbe motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Insurance Inspection Appraisal Report to Miscellaneous. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Clerk Peterson noted that Member Lewis was participating remotely from 1511 E Florence Blvd, Lot 12, Casa Grande, AZ. Member Higbe is also participating remotely due to a health concern. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Approval of Minutes:

1. Mayor Tuftin read the minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 13, 2021: Member Lewis motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

D. Treasurer's Report: Clerk Peterson provided the treasurer's report. The following are the balances as of 12/31/2021: General Fund \$54,684.58, Ballfield Fund \$1,152.27, Beautification Fund \$187.00, American Recovery Act Funding \$3,606.31, Small Cities Assist \$12,153.00, and Electric Fund \$23,126.58. 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>
110221	Manion O'Koren Law Firm LLC	\$570.00	5960
1102210	Thore Everett Johnson	\$114.00	5961
1102211	Plunkett's Pest Control	\$40.00	5968
1102212	MiEnergy	\$2,835.26	5969
1102213	MN Department of Revenue	\$1,006.00	Electronic
110222	Fillmore County Journal	\$120.60	5962
110223	Fillmore County Journal	\$217.08	59621
110224	US Postal Service	\$62.00	5963
110225	Acentek	\$40.32	5965
110226	City of Lanesboro	\$250.00	5966
110227	Whalan Museum	\$70.26	5967
110228	Department of Revenue	\$73.18	Electronic
110229	EFTPS	\$624.67	Electronic

110230	MN PERA	\$210.00	Electronic
110231	Randy Berekvam	\$18.32	5972

Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments: No comments were received.

F. Continued Business:

- 1. Lodging Tax Committee:** Member Berekvam motioned to renew the current contract for another two years without amendments. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 2. Snowplow Salary:** Member Lewis motioned to increase the salary from \$12 to \$15 per hour for snow plowing. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with members Tuftin, Higbe, and Lewis in favor. Members Johnson and Berekvam abstained due to a personal conflict. Member Lewis motioned to make the pay retroactive to January 1, 2022. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with members Tuftin, Higbe, and Lewis in favor. Members Johnson and Berekvam abstained due to a personal conflict.
- 3. Planning & Zoning Council Appointment for 2022:** Member Berekvam motioned to appoint Member Sheila Higbe to the board for 2022. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

G. New Business:

- 1. 2022 Meeting Schedule:** Member Higbe motioned to approve the City Council meeting schedule. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. The Zoning commission will evaluate their schedule at the February meeting.
- 2. Murphy Proposal 4:** Member Johnson motioned to call for a Public Hearing on February 14, 2022 at 4:45 p.m. with the Regular Meeting to follow. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Ben Ruberg will give a brief presentation at the beginning of the hearing.
- 3. Resolution 2022-01 Designating Official Depository:** Member Lewis motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 4. Resolution 2022-02 Designating an Official Newspaper:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 5. Resolution 2022-03 Establishing Mileage Reimbursement Rate:** Member Higbe motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 6. Resolution 2022-04 Authorizing Signature Authority for City Accounts:** Member Lewis motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 7. Miscellaneous:**
 - a. Insurance Inspection Appraisal Report:** Members noted they felt that the contents of the City Shop should be valued higher than the report currently reflects. Clerk Peterson will discuss with Krage insurance.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022 at 4:45 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Lewis moved to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer