

Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
Meeting held via Zoom

Present: Marlys Tuftin, Tanya Cook, Kim Berekvam, Thore E. Johnson, and Owen Lewis

Absent: None

Visitors: Dave Ruberg, Ben Ruberg, Diane Snyder, and Barb Jeffers

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Tuftin called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Cook motioned to approve the agenda as submitted. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- B. **Approval of Minutes:**
1. Mayor Tuftin read the minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 11, 2021: Member Lewis motioned to approve the minutes with clerical amendments. Member Cook seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- C. **Treasurer's Report:** Clerk Peterson provided the treasurer's report: The CD has a value of \$27,067.46 General Fund \$54,793.99, Ballfield Fund \$850.00, Beautification Fund \$187.00. Member Cook motioned to approve the treasurer's report:

| <u>Claim No</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Check Number</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 208211 | Manion O'Koren Law Firm | \$285.00 | 5815 |
| 208212 | Doc's Autobody | \$66.12 | 5816 |
| 208213 | Acentek | \$41.14 | 5817 |
| 208214 | Nu-Way K&H Cooperative | \$457.50 | 5818 |
| 208215 | MiEnergy | \$3,210.76 | 5813 |
| 208216 | MiEnergy | \$172.00 | 5820 |
| 208217 | Plunkett's Pest Control | \$40.00 | 5814 |
| 208218 | Thore Everett Johnson | \$168.00 | 5821 |
| 208219 | City of Lanesboro | \$225.00 | 5819 |
| Payroll | Randy Berekvam | \$170.85 | 5822 |
| Payroll | Michele Peterson | \$404.25 | 5823 |

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

- D. **Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:** No comments were made.
- E. **New Business**
- a. **Pole Replacement:** Clerk Peterson shared that MiEnergy had contacted the City Office due to the fact a homeowner is considering an upgrade which lead to the consideration of replacing a pole on Bench Street. MiEnergy noted the age of the pole is what led to the consideration. Member Johnson will inspect the pole, discussion will be continued.
- F. **Continued Business:**

1. **Whalan Brochure:** The committee is working on updating the brochure.
2. **Hall Rental Documentation:** Members reviewed the documentation submitted. It was noted that in past residents were charged \$50 while others paid \$100. Clerk Peterson will provide an estimated max capacity for the hall in March. Discussion continued with regards to whether or not alcohol can be consumed in the Hall. Member Lewis motioned to table the discussion. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
3. **Town Hall Internet:** Clerk Peterson will check with Acentek as well as the museum and present at the March meeting.
4. **Sales Tax:** Several ideas were brought forward including: Upgrading electric meters, playground equipment, visitor center, road repair by church, new bathrooms at softball field, new city equipment, cell phone tower, signage, public wifi, alley perpendicular to 2nd Avenue, reside/paint town hall, basketball courts. Members also discussed the possibility of applying for grants in order to complete some of these projects. Members are asked to bring their top 3 ideas to the March meeting.
5. **Lodging Tax:** Members discussed that there were three options, continue as is, cancel the contract with Lanesboro, or renegotiate. A committee will be formed to consider the options. Members Cook and Berekvam will represent the Council. Members asked Ben Ruberg to be on the committee, he will consider it. Clerk Peterson will resend the Lodging Tax Contract and discussion will be continued at the April meeting.
6. **Ordinances**
 - a. Titles 1 and 3: Member Johnson motioned to recommend Titles 1 and 3 with no changes. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Title 5 and 13: Discussion to be continued at the March meeting.
 - c. Title 7: Discussion to be continued.
 - d. Title 9: Discussion to be continued.
 - e. Title 11: Discussion to be continued.

G. Miscellaneous:

1. **Rural Board Meeting:** Members noted the Rural Board being held at 7 p.m. in the Lanesboro Community Center, Mayor Tuftin, Member Johnson, and Clerk Peterson will be attending.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Lewis moved to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Johnson. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer