

Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2023
Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom

Present: David Hallum, Sheila Higbe, Kim Berekvam, and Thore E. Johnson

Absent: Owen Lewis

Visitors: Randy Berekvam, Owen Lewis, and Frederick Beseler

Regular Meeting:

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

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Agenda: Member Higbe motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with all in favor.

C. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Council Meeting were read by Mayor Hallum. Member Higbe motioned to approve the minutes with an amendment to a visitors name. Member Johnson 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 01/31/2023: General Fund \$46,551.10, Court Reimbursement Fund \$5,658.19, 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 \$27,406.15, and Electric Fund \$37,500.78. Member Johnson motioned to approve the treasurer's report including the following accounts payable:

<u>Claim No</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Number</u>
213231	MN Department of Revenue	4 Qtr 2022 Sales Tax	\$1,039.00	Electronic
2132310	Thore Everett Johnson	Snow Plowing	\$150.00	6141
2132311	Bolton & Menk, Inc	Invoice 306307	\$455.50	6142
213232	Whalan Museum	Feb Internet Exp	\$70.26	6132
213233	City of Lanesboro	Feb Monthly Rent	\$257.50	6133
213234	Bolton & Menk, Inc	Invoice 304815	\$1,977.50	6134
213235	O'Koren Law Office LLC	Invoice 980	\$135.00	6135
213236	SEMLM	Annual Dues for 2022	\$50.00	6136
213237	Acentek	12414090	\$41.01	6139
213238	Plunkett's Pest Control	Invoice 7892451	\$42.80	6138
213239	MiEnergy	Power & invoice	\$3,867.42	6137

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

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments: No comments

F. New Business:

- a. Ordinance 54.06 Public Utilities Fee Schedule Review:** Members reviewed the ordinance as amended. Ordinance will be posted on the City website, with discussion continuing at the March meeting for consideration of approval.
- b. Ordinance 30.111 City Fee Schedule Review:** Members reviewed the ordinance and suggested that business licenses as well as short term lodging licenses should be amended to \$25 annually. Additionally members offered the opinion that On-Sale liquor license fees should be decreased to \$250.00. Ordinance will be posted on the City website, with discussion continuing at the March meeting for consideration of approval.
- c. 2022 Compilation - Smith Schafer Engagement Letter:** Member Berekvam motioned to approve completion of the engagement letter. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- d. Draft Review of Snow Plowing Policy:** Members reviewed the draft version of a snow plowing policy. Members felt that item 2, letter A should reflect two (2) inches of snow rather than three (3). Policy will be posted on the City website, with discussion continuing at the March meeting for consideration of approval.
- e. Draft Review of Short Term Lodging Ordinance:** Members reviewed the draft document for a short term lodging ordinance. Members requested posting the document on the website and calling for a public hearing for the March meeting.

G. Continued Business:

- a. Zoning Board:** Clerk Peterson shared Attorney O’Koren’s review of the Zoning Ordinance relating to the total number of Council Members to be appointed to the commission. Currently only one Council member is allowed to be appointed. The Zoning Commission will review the potential to amend the ordinance to allow two Council members at their next meeting. Discussion to be continued.
- b. Street Light on Bench Street:** MiEnergy has identified a potential shade option, installation will be completed soon.

H. Miscellaneous:

- a. Ball Tournament:** Member Johnson noted that Jeana Lang has volunteered to take over organizing the Ball Tournament over July 1,2, and 4, 2023.
- b. Bean Bag Tournament:** Mayor Hallum noted that volunteers are getting together to discuss the opportunity of hosting a Bean Bag Tournament in Whalan. More information will be shared as discussions continue.

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

ADJOURN: Member Johnson moved to adjourn at 5:33 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Higbe. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer