

Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 8, 2021 5:00 p.m.
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 5:00 p.m.

- A. **Agenda:** Member Cook motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of Electrical and Disaster Preparedness to the agenda. 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, February 8, 2021: Member Lewis motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 2. Mayor Tuftin read the minutes of the Budget Workshop held October 26, 2020: Member Cook motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Lewis 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 \$53,242.25, Ballfield Fund \$850.00, Beautification Fund \$187.00. Member Lewis motioned to approve the treasurer's report:

<u>Claim No</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check Number</u>
308211	Acentek 11824494	\$41.14	5829
308212	LMCIT 2021 Property/Casualty Renewal	\$3,283.00	5830
308213	MiEnergy Monthly Fee	\$172.00	5828
308214	MiEnergy Joint Pole Use Billing	\$150.00	5828
308215	City of Lanesboro March Rent	\$225.00	5825
308216	Plunkett's Pest Control 6965847	\$40.00	5827
308217	MiEnergy Purchase Power	\$3,023.75	5826
Payroll	Michele Peterson Feb Payroll	\$404.25	5824

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

- D. **Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:** Diane Snyder noted that they would like to bury the electric service line rather than have it overhead. No concerns were noted for this work to be completed.
- E. **Continued Business:**
1. **Whalan Brochure:** The brochure is complete, and will be sent to printing.

2. **Hall Rental Documentation:** It was noted that the hall is roughly 700 sq feet, and therefore the seating capacity with tables and chairs would be 46. Members felt that it was allowable to bring alcohol into the hall. Approval of an application could take two weeks to 45 days. The facility must be cleaned and vacated by 10 p.m. The cost to rent the facility is \$50 to all residents and property owners of Whalan, and \$100 to all others. Member Cook motioned to approve the hall rental documentation with the amendments. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor.
 3. **Sales Tax Project Ideas:** Members made the following suggestions: Streets, Siding for the Town Hall, Parks/Playground, Electric Meters, and Cell Tower. Discussion will be tabled to allow time for Clerk Peterson to determine what suggestions may be eligible in order to consider moving forward.
 4. **Town Hall Internet:** Member Lewis motioned to approve sharing the cost of the internet with the Museum, April - September \$35.13, and October - March \$70.26. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Payments will be submitted monthly to the museum. This will allow a zoom option to be offered even with in person meetings. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
 5. **Dust Control:** Work will be contracted with Bluff County Brine and coordinated with the Township as spring comes. Members would like to continue with the Magnesium Chloride Treatment again.
 6. **Brush Dump Site:** As burning is no longer allowed at the existing brush dump site, only leaves are allowable, they will be left to compost. The site will be blocked off with caution tape and a sign installed to communicate to residents that no other items than leaves are allowed.
 7. **2021 Road Repairs:** The road repairs approved in 2020 will begin in this spring, more information will be provided when available.
 8. **Title 5 and 13:** Members noted no changes to Title 13. For Title 5 it was noted that the City does not offer water or sewer services. No changes were suggested. Title 9 will be reviewed next month.
 9. **COVID Response**
 - a. **Late Fees:** Discussion to be continued next month, no changes at this time.
 - b. **Meetings:** Member Berekvam motioned to resume in person meetings beginning in April. Member Cook seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- F. **New Business:**
- a. **Business Licenses:** Clerk Peterson will reach out to see if Cyclin Up Inn would like a license for 2021. Licenses will be reviewed at the April meeting.
 - b. **City Rounds:** Members would like to conduct City Rounds together on the last Saturday in April, the 24 at 10:00 a.m. Notice will be posted.
- G. **Miscellaneous:**
1. **Disaster Preparedness:** Clerk Peterson will reach out to Fillmore County Emergency Management as well as Lanesboro Fire and Ambulance Departments to learn what plans exist if an emergency were to occur in Whalan. Discussion to be continued.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Johnson moved to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Berekvam. Vote was done by roll call with all in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer