

Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023
Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Randy Berekvam, Tammy Hallum, Dale Peterson, Benjamin Ruberg, Tammy Hughes, David Ruberg, iPhone, Barb Jeffers, Jane Lewis, Scott Kerl, and Drew Weber

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 Lewis motioned to approve the agenda with the additional discussions of: Mulch, Jane Lewis - Music, Maggie's Pub, and Stand Still Parade. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with all in favor.

C. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Council Meeting were read by Mayor Hallum. Member Higbe motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Lewis 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 03/31/2023: General Fund \$38,654.03, Court Reimbursement Fund \$5,658.19, Taste of the Trail \$3,130.55, Ballfield Fund \$935.06, Beautification Fund \$187.00, General Capital \$27,451.41, and Electric Fund \$40,640.48. Member Berekvam 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>
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 04/10/2023	March Payroll	\$589.99	6164
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 04/10/2023	March Payroll	\$226.26	6165
410231	Nu-Way K&H Cooperative	Inv 768528	\$682.56	6156
410234	Plunkett's Pest Control	Invoice 7950667	\$42.80	6157
410235	MiEnergy	Purchase Power, invoice 485371	\$3,432.62	6158
410236	Smith Schafer & Associates, LTD	Invoice 17059 - 2022 Financial Review	\$1,900.00	6159
410237	Fillmore County Journal	150502,150503, 150501	\$411.46	6160
410238	Acentek	12466527	\$40.63	6161
410232	Whalan Museum	April Internet Expense	\$70.26	6162
410233	City of Lanesboro	April Monthly Billing Rent	\$257.50	6163
410239	O'Koren Law Office LLC	Invoice 1035	\$318.33	6166

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

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments: No comments

F. New Business:

- a. Bolton & Menk - Oak Street Drainage Engineering Update:** Drew Weber with Bolton & Menk reviewed the memo outlining the recommendations for repairs as well as estimated costs. Mr. Weber will review the requirements for applying for the Local Road Improvement Grant Funds, as well as a potential schedule for application. Remaining costs for repairs would be paid through the issuance of bonds. Discussion to be continued.
- b. 2022 Financial Statement:** Member Higbe motioned to accept the 2022 financial report as presented. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- c. 2023 Business Licenses:** Member Berekvam motioned to approve the licenses for 2023. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- d. 2023 Walking Tour:** Members will conduct the annual walking tour on May 2nd at 10:00 a.m., in case of rain the tour will be held on May 4th at 10:00 am.

G. Continued Business:

a. Zoning

- i. Ordinance 31.46 Amendment Suggestion:** Members reviewed the amended ordinance as recommended by the Zoning Commission. Member Lewis motioned to not amend the ordinance as presented, and to leave the ordinance as it currently reads. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
 - ii. Volunteer Appointment, Resolution 2023-08:** Member Lewis motioned to appoint Lucas Johnson to the Zoning Commission. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Mayor Hallum, and Members Johnson, Lewis, and Higbe voting in favor. Member Berekvam voted against. Member Higbe motioned to approve her own resignation from the commission as well as appoint Tammy Hughes to the commission. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- b. Lawnmower Bids for Sale:** Three bids were received: Dan Funk \$201.50, Michael Halverson \$350.00, and Randy Berekvam \$677.00. Member Johnson motioned to accept the bid from Berekvam. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
 - c. Porta Potties:** Three quotes were received for restrooms: B&S Rentals \$150.00, OnSite \$63.00, and LRS \$90.00. Member Higbe motioned to utilize OnSite for one by the ballfield and one by the trail for May 1 - November 1, 2023 as well as a second unit at the ballfield for June 30 - July 31st, 2023. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

H. Miscellaneous:

- a. Mulch for Gazebo and Playground:** Member Lewis suggested that pea gravel could be utilized in the playground area, and then also place new mulch around the gazebo. Member Berekvam motioned to request quotes for this material. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Member Lewis will request the quotes. Motion carried with all in favor.
- b. Jane Lewis, Music:** Jane Lewis shared the initiative to have music events in Whalan. An event will be held Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 5-8 p.m tentatively. The band will set up on the basketball court. The committee will set up four 10x10 tents as well. The committee requested closure of 3rd Street from Main Street to Oak Street all day on July 8, 2023. Additionally the committee is thinking of holding a potluck dinner for volunteers as well as community members in the afternoon at the church hall. Member Higbe motioned to approve the requests as presented. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

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- c. Maggies Pub:** Member Higbe motioned to approve a request to build a structure at the ballfield in honor of Maggie Hungerholt, to be labeled as Maggie's Pub pending approval from the Zoning Commission. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- d. Stand Still Parade:** Mayor Hallum questioned if there were volunteers that would like to work on bringing back the Stand Still Parade for 2024. Discussion will be continued.
- e. Walking Tour:** Tammy Hughes suggested the Council take a look at the hole that has developed near the T in the road during the walking tour.
- f. Oak Street Safety Concern:** Member Higbe requested that this discussion be added to the May agenda as well as be looked at during the walking tour.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Berekvam moved to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Johnsons. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer