

Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2022
Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom

Present: Marlys Tuftin, Kim Berekvam, Thore E. Johnson, Owen Lewis, and Sheila Higbe (Participated remotely due to illness)

Absent: None

Visitors: Dave Ruberg, Ben Ruberg, Randy Berekvam, Melanie Murphy, Barb Jeffers, David Hallum, Dale Peterson, Gary Harter, and Johny Halvorson.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Tuftin 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 additions of Zoning Board and Weed Control to Miscellaneous. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Approval of Minutes:

1. Mayor Tuftin read the minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 14, 2022: Member Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as presented. 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 03/31/2022: General Fund \$42,818.48, Court Reimbursement Fund \$5,000, Ballfield Fund \$1,152.27, Beautification Fund \$187.00, American Recovery Act Funding \$3,606.31, Small Cities Assist \$12,153.00, General Capital \$27,328.37, and Electric Fund \$27,137.13. Member Lewis 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>
411228	MN Department of Revenue	\$15.00	Echeck
411229	IRS	\$425.74	Echeck
4112211	MN Department of Revenue	\$1,034.00	Echeck
411221	City of Lanesboro	\$250.00	5998
411222	Whalan Museum	\$70.26	5999
411223	City of Lanesboro	\$360.00	6000
411224	Acentek	\$40.19	6001
411225	Smith Schafer & Associates, LTD	\$1,825.00	6002
411227	MiEnergy	\$172.00	6003
411226	Plunkett's Pest Control	\$40.00	6004
4112210	MiEnergy	\$2,929.99	6005

Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 03/31/2022	\$550.13	6006
4112212	Fillmore County Journal	\$12.06	6007
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 03/31/2022	\$326.68	6008
4112213	Thore Everett Johnson	\$45.00	6009

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

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:

- a. Dale Peterson: Peterson questioned the length of the moratorium on short term rentals, noting that the current moratorium has extended much longer than is normally acceptable. He shared his opinion that short term rentals are still making an investment in the community and have minimal impact. There are benefits such as approved aesthetics as well. Members noted that the Zoning Commission is nearing completion of a zoning ordinance including regulations for short term rentals
- b. Johnny Halvorson: Requested help determine a phone number to call for Waste Management Refuse Hauling.
- c. Gary Harter: Present to represent the bid submitted by Harter's Quick Clean-up for Refuse and Recycling.
- d. Scott Kurl: Submitted an email noting concern for erosion occurring on Oak Street on the north and south sides. Members will review during the Spring walking tour.

F. New Business:

- a. **2022 Business Licenses:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the following business licenses for 2022:

Type	Number	Name
LODGING	2022-1	Bluffview Guest House
LODGING	2022-2	Cedar Valley Resort Inc
LODGING	2022-3	Cyclin-Inn
LODGING	2022-4	Blossom Valley Inn
RETAIL	2022-5	Jane Lewis
MVREPGAR	2022-6	Jon Van Minsel
RESTAURANT	2022-7	Aroma Pie Shoppe, LLC
RETAIL	2022-8	Whalan Depot
RETAIL	2022-9	O's Poppin' Kernels
LODGING	2022-10	Cyclin-up Inn

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

- b. 2022 City Walking Tour:** Members agreed to meet at the Town Hall on Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- c. 2022 DNR Agreement:** Member Berekvam motioned to approve the contract for 2022. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- d. Refuse and Recycling RFP:** Mayor Tuftin reviewed the summary sheet for the bids submitted. Members shared discussions on bag service, weekly vs bi-weekly, as well as tote sizes. Member Lewis motioned to accept the bid from Harter's Quick Clean-up. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Vote was done by roll-call with all in favor. Motion carried.
- e. MPCA Audit:** Clerk Peterson shared that the City is currently in review of an Audit being performed by the MPCA. All documentation for the removal and transportation of used transformers has been submitted. More information will be presented when the review is complete.

G. Miscellaneous:

- a. Zoning Board:** Member Berekvam motioned to remove Andrej Peterka for non-attendance at meetings. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Members will share the need for an additional member with the community.
- b. Weed Control:** Member Johnson and Randy Berekvam will review the current supply, and members will discuss the needed areas during the Spring Walking Tour.
- c. Additional Bathrooms:** Clerk Peterson will reach out to the DNR to determine if additional facilities could be added to the trail. Additionally Council will review the need and funding source for a bathroom at the ballfield.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Lewis moved to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Higbe. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer