

**Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 8, 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, Benjamin Ruberg, Tammy Hughes, David Ruberg, Melanie Murphy, Barb Jeffers and Jae Julianne

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 with the additional discussion of: Ballpark weed and feed. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried, with all in favor.
- C. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the April 10, 2023 Council Meeting were read by Mayor Hallum. Member Johnson 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 04/30/2023: General Fund \$34,541.80, Court Reimbursement Fund \$5,658.19, Taste of the Trail \$3,130.55, Ballfield Fund \$935.06, Beautification Fund \$187.00, General Capital \$27,478.62, and Electric Fund \$41,584.25. 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 04/30/2023	April Payroll	\$589.99	6173
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 04/30/2023	April Payroll	\$917.11	6176
508231	IRS	1st Qtr 2023 Withholding Taxes	\$538.97	508231
508232	MN PERA	1st Qtr 2023	\$304.55	508232
508233	MN Department of Revenue	1st Qtr Payroll Taxes 2023	\$95.83	508233
508234	MN Department of Revenue	1st Qtr Sales Tax 2023	\$1,112.00	508234
508235	Whalan Museum	May Internet Expense	\$35.13	6167
508236	City of Lanesboro	May Monthly Billing Rent	\$257.50	6168
508237	Acentek	12482096	\$40.63	6169
508238	LMCIT WC	Invoice 04/26/2023	\$200.00	6170
508239	Plunkett's Pest Control	Invoice 7994480	\$42.80	6171
5082310	City of Lanesboro	Onsite Invoice 1525886 and 152885	\$64.50	6174
5082311	MiEnergy	Purchase Power, invoice 485446	\$3,089.98	6175
5082312	Randy Berekvam	Run Right Power Equipment invoice 31797	\$381.74	6177
5082313	Farmers Win Coop	Invoice 20334 and 20296	\$126.28	6179

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

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments: No comments

F. New Business:

- a. 2023 DNR Agreement:** Member Lewis motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- b. 2023 Walking Tour Review:** The tour was completed on May 2, 2023. Member Johnson motioned to accept the following findings:
 - i. STS Crew projects: Member Lewis motioned to table until June to understand insurance coverage requirements. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
 - ii. DNR Signs and Trees: Member Johnson will contact the DNR and report back.
 - iii. Potholes in Intersections: Members Lewis and Johnson will purchase the cold pack, and install in the areas of concern.
 - iv. Oak Street temporary repairs: Clerk Peterson will attain a quote for the work and material from Generation X.
 - v. Sod: Fillmore County representatives have reviewed the sod concern.
 - vi. MiEnergy project restoration: Clerk Peterson will contact MiEnergy regarding restoration in some of the areas from their project last year.
 - vii. Rock near T: Member noted that rock could be used to fill in the holes.
 - viii. Picnic Tables: Clerk Peterson will review the minutes from last year, discussion will be continued at the June meeting.

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

- c. Resolution 2023-08 Appointing Members of the Zoning Commission:** Member Higbe motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- d. Short Term Rental Ordinance Input:** Member Lewis motioned to share the Council's request for the ordinance to include the total number of allowable units, as well as the requirement to follow City ordinances as well as State guidelines. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Clerk Peterson will share the findings of the community survey completed last year regarding the total number of allowable units. Motion carried with all in favor.
- e. Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Donation:** Members requested additional time to consider, discussion will be brought back to the June meeting.

G. Continued Business:

- a. Playground and Gazebo Ground cover estimates:** Member Lewis noted the landscaping fabric is \$69.95 for a 4 x 100 foot roll. Members noted that a natural color for the mulch would be preferred, prices estimates will be shared at the June meeting. Additionally a quote for rock from Generation X will be brought to the June meeting. Discussion to be continued.

H. Miscellaneous:

- a. Ballpark weed and feed:** Member Lewis noted that weed and feed should be applied to the ballfield grass. Member Lewis would apply the product with a sprayer. It is estimated that two containers will be

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needed, each with a cost of \$59.99. Member Berekvam motioned to approve the purchase and application. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor

- b. Street Light Shield:** Member Higbe noted that the shield for the street light had been installed, and was working well.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Johnson moved to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Lewis. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer