

**Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 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, Benjamin Ruberg, Tammy Hallum, Melanie Murphy, David Ruberg, Jane Lewis, and Barb Jeffers

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 following additional discussions: Whalan Good Ole Days and STS Crew Progress. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with all in favor.

C. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 12, 2023 Council Meeting were read by Mayor Hallum. Member Lewis motioned to approve the minutes with an amendment noting that Member Berekvam voted against the striping on 2nd Avenue. 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 06/30/2023: General Fund \$54,174.53, Court Reimbursement Fund \$2,103.19, Taste of the Trail \$3,130.55, Ballfield Fund \$935.06, Beautification Fund \$187.00, General Capital \$27,542.61, and Electric Fund \$45,283.68. It was noted that the invoice from the June meeting for Bolton & Menk had been expensed to the Court Reimbursement Fund. 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</u>
<u>Number</u>				
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 06/30/2023	June Payroll	\$714.84	6213
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 06/30/2023	June Payroll	\$589.99	6214
7112301	City of Lanesboro	July Rent, OnSite Invoices	\$555.90	6197
7112302	Whalan Museum	July Internet Expense	\$35.13	6198
7112303	Thore Everett Johnson	Supplies Reimbursement	\$56.53	6199
7112305	David Hallum	Council Pay Feb- June 2023	\$375.00	6200
7112306	Sheila Higbe	Council Pay Jan- June 2023	\$300.00	6201
7112307	Kim Berekvam	Council Pay Jan - June 2023	\$300.00	6202
7112308	Owen Lewis	Council Pay Jan - June 2023	\$200.00	6203
7112309	Thore Everett Johnson	Council Pay Jan - June 2023	\$300.00	6204
7112310	Southern MN Initiative Foundation	Donation	\$100.00	6205
7112311D	David Hallum	Supplies Reimbursement for picnic tables	\$25.77	6206

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7112312	Rushford Hardware	Transaction E346269	\$182.46	6207
7112313	Plunkett's Pest Control	Invoice 8088609	\$44.52	6208
7112314	Rushford Hardware	Transaction B147741	\$46.99	6209
7112315	Fillmore Cnty Assessor's Office	2023 Assessment Work	\$504.00	6210
7112316	Nu-Way K&H Cooperative	Inv 792180	\$112.41	6211
7112317	Acentek	12558264	\$40.64	6212
7112318	Owen Lewis	Supply reimbursement	\$51.41	6215
7112319	MiEnergy	Purchase Power, invoice 485632	\$4,147.29	6216
7112321	O'Koren Law Office LLC	Invoice 1083	\$45.00	6217
7112320	Rushford Hardware	Invoice e346817 and e341720	\$20.52	6218
7112322	Rushford Hardware	Inv B148405	\$32.57	6219

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

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments: Jane Lewis thanked the Council and the community for their support, the event was a good success.

F. New Business:

- a. Repairs to Gas tank:** Randy Berekvam will look into costs for repairing or replacing the pump. Discussion will be continued at the August meeting.
- b. Walkabout Map:** Given the condition of the sign, members felt the sign should be removed. Randy Berekvam will take down the sign.

G. Continued Business:

- a. Oak Street temporary improvements - Quote:** A quote for \$3,000 was received from Generation X construction to place asphalt UPM cold patch on both sides of Oak Street. Member Johnson motioned to approve the quote as submitted. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Members requested the work be completed as soon as possible. Motion carried with all in favor. Members also noted a desire to wait on contracting for the dust control measures that were approved at the June meeting. At this time the grading has not been completed, the contractor is waiting for rain prior to completing the work.
- b. DNR Signs and Trees:** Member Johnson is expecting a call back regarding the sign replacement, and will at that time also inquire about the tree concern. Member Johnson also noted that he was still waiting to hear back from the church regarding a replacement sign.
- c. Picnic Tables:** Member Lewis motioned to approve the purchase of two picnic tables at a cost of \$248 each. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

H. Miscellaneous:

- a. Whalan Good Ole Days:** Member Berekvam noted that the annual event will be held Saturday, August 5, 2023. A potluck meal will be had for previous as well as current Whalan residents starting at noon. Member Lewis motioned to donate the use of the town hall space at no cost. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- b. STS Crew Progress:** Mayor Hallum shared that a portion of the painting had been completed, as well as some work to remove the invasive species at the ballpark had been started. The crew will be returning the following week to complete both projects. Members noted an opportunity to apply for grant funds to purchase supplies from the Lanesboro Area Community Foundation to paint the old town hall. The STS crew would be utilized to prepare the building for paint and to complete the painting. Additionally the

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crew will help manage the brush pile with burning, stain the gazebo, and potentially repair the siding on the current city hall building.

- c. Grant Possibility:** Member Johnson noted a potential grant could be applied for to help commercial property owners with exterior repairs. Discussion will be continued once additional information is made available.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Berekvam moved to adjourn at 5:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Lewis. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer