

**Whalan City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, July 12, 2021 5:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom**

**Present:** Marlys Tuftin, Kim Berekvam, Thore E. Johnson, and Owen Lewis

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Dave Ruberg, Ben Ruberg, Randy Berekvam, Randy Willenberg, Melanie Murphy, Sheila Higbe, Sheriff John DeGeorge, and Barb Jeffers

**Regular Meeting:**

Mayor Tuftin called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

- B. Agenda:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the agenda with removing MiEnergy from Visitor Comments and adding Whalan Good Ol' Days to Miscellaneous. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**C. Approval of Minutes:**

1. Mayor Tuftin read the minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 14, 2021: Several errors were noted, Clerk Peterson will make the necessary corrections and bring them back to the August meeting for final approval.

- D. Treasurer's Report:** Clerk Peterson provided the treasurer's report. The CD has a value of \$27,067.46 General Fund \$35,197.79, Ballfield Fund \$850.00, Beautification Fund \$187.00, and Electric Fund \$15,280.53. Member Berekvam 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>
712211	Fillmore County Journal	\$57.45	5874
712212	Acentek	\$41.10	5875
712213	Plunkett's Pest Control	\$40.00	5876
712214	MiEnergy	\$172.00	5877
712215	City of Lanesboro	\$225.00	5878
712216	Whalan Museum	\$35.13	5879
712217	MiEnergy	\$3,875.62	5880
712218	Four Season Maintenance LLC	\$13,200.00	5881
712219	Marlys Tuftin	\$450.00	5882
7122110	Kim Berekvam	\$300.00	5883
7122111	Owen Lewis	\$300.00	5884
7122112	Thore Everett Johnson	\$300.00	5885
7122113	Tanya Cook	\$300.00	5886

7122114	MN Dept of Revenue	\$1,045.00	Electronic
7122115	MN Dept of Revenue	\$39.88	Electronic
7122116	IRS	\$492.23	Electronic
7122117	PERA	\$193.85	Electronic
Payroll	Randy Berekvam	\$569.50	5888
Payroll	Michele Peterson	\$404.25	5887

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

**E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:**

- a. **Sheriff John DeGeorge:** Sheriff DeGeorge provided a presentation on the Fillmore County Jail.
- b. **Ben Ruberg:** Mr. Ruberg asked if the compliance date had been inserted into the Solid Fuel Ordinance, Clerk Peterson will review and report back.

**F. Continued Business:**

1. **Lodging Tax Committee:** Member Berekvam noted no further action has been taken, discussion will be tabled until October after the tourism season has slowed.
2. **Council walking tour findings:** Member Berekvam motioned to accept the bid of \$2500 from Norby Tree Service for annual tree maintenance. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Concern was expressed for additional road maintenance. Clerk Peterson noted that Small Cities Assistance funding has been granted by the Legislature, so further discussion on road maintenance should be tabled until a final dollar amount is determined.
3. **Ballpark Bathrooms:** Member Lewis motioned to approve reimbursement of \$255.35 to Everett Johnson for Portable Bathrooms for the Ballfield. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Member Lewis motioned to have the bathrooms removed at the end of July. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**G. New Business:**

1. **Interim Council Member:** Member Berekvam motioned to appoint Sheila Higbe as the interim Council Member. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Member Lewis motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. **Resolution 2021-09 Accepting Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds:** Member Lewis motioned to approve Resolution 2021-09. member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
3. **Acentek Video Franchise Agreement:** A Public Hearing will be held at the August meeting to allow for questions and review of the agreement. A representative from Acentek will be there to answer questions as well. Member Berekvam motioned to table the discussion. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
4. **Title 7**
  - a. **Chapter 71:** Member Berekvam motioned to accept the draft as presented. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
  - b. **Chapter 73:** Member Berekvam motioned to remove the requirement of permitting. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- c. **Chapter 74:** Member Johnson motioned to accept the draft as presented. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### H. Miscellaneous

1. **Whalan Good Ol' Days:** Member Lewis motioned to approve donating the use of the Town Hall for the annual event to be held August 7, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. **EV Charging Station:** Due to a lack of interest in a unit as well as lack of cellular service, no further action will be taken.
3. **Ball Tournament:** Member Johnson provided an overview of the results from the Softball Tournament held in Whalan.

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURN:** Member Berekvam moved to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Lewis. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson  
City Clerk/Treasurer