

**Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 13th, 2020
Meeting held at Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom and Recorded**

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Dave Ruberg, Ben Ruberg, Diane Snyder, and Barb Jeffers

Regular Meeting:

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

- A. Agenda:** Member Cook motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of Snyder Building Permit and Minnesota Department of Health Notice. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Approval of Minutes:**
 - 1. Mayor Tuftin read the minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 8th, 2020: Member Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- C. Treasurer's Report:** Clerk Peterson provided the treasurer's report: General Fund \$42,531.39, Electric Fund \$5,560.00, Ballfield Fund \$850.00, Beautification Fund \$187.00. Member Lewis motioned to approve the following payments:

Checks to be issued:			
Vendor	Item	Amount	Check #
City of Lanesboro	Rent (May, June, July)	\$ 675.00	5741
Marly Tuftin	Council Pay	\$ 450.00	5742
Kim Berekvam	Council Pay	\$ 300.00	5743
Tanya Cook	Council Pay	\$ 300.00	5744
Owen Lewis	Council Pay	\$ 150.00	5745
Thore E Johnson	Council Pay	\$ 250.00	5746
Fillmore County Assessor	Assessment Work	\$ 483.00	5737
Acentek	Intial set up and first months bill	\$ 196.31	5736
MiEnergy	Purchased Power	\$ 3,518.29	5739
MiEnergy	Monthly Fee	\$ 172.00	5740
Randy Berekvam	Payroll	\$ 577.82	5749
Michele Peterson	Payroll	\$ 429.25	5747
Plunkett's	6693401	\$ 40.00	5738
League of MN Cities	Workers Compensation	\$ 455.00	5735
MiEnergy	Disconnection	\$ 67.50	5748
Thore E Johnson	Maintenance Suppolies	\$ 88.28	5750
Total		\$ 8,152.45	

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

- D. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:** No comments.

E. Continued Business:

1. Covid19 Update and Response:

- a. Member Lewis motioned to continue waiving the late fee for utility accounts. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- b. Member Lewis motioned no rental of the Whalan town hall through December 31st, 2020. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- c. Discussion was had regarding the importance of following the guidelines set by the Department of Health.

2. Dust Control: Member Cook motioned to wait until next year for the dust control. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

3. City Rounds:

- a. Members Lewis and Johnson will reach out to a contractor to provide an estimate for repair of the pot holes.
- b. Repairs to the retaining wall will wait until 2021.
- c. A liner for the truck bed will wait until 2021.
- d. Painting of the Town Hall will wait until 2021.
- e. Alleys also need to be addressed.
- f. Fencing repairs also need to be addressed at the ballfield in the future.

4. Website: Clerk Peterson shared the new website is up and running, additional information will be added as available.

5. Ordinances: A review of the fire arms ordinance will need to be done. In the past the Sherriff's office has completed compliance checks, Peterson will reach out to the Sherriff's department for verification.

6. Chamber Funds: The funding from the Lanesboro Area Chamber of Commerce funds of \$1,000 allocated for Whalan will not be accruing, those funds must be used within 2020. Discussion was had regarding beautification ideas for mulch around the gazebo and information center, as well as planters. Member Lewis will check on availability.

F. New Business:

1. Planning & Zoning: Mayor Tuftin would like to resign from the Zoning Board. Member Berekvam motioned to appoint Benjamin Ruberg and Diane Snyder to the Planning & Zoning Board. Board Members would then be: Kim Berekvam, Ernie Johnson, Benjamin Ruberg, Diane Snyder, and Clerk Peterson. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Terms and a meeting date will be determined. Motion carried all in favor.

2. Resolution supporting diversity: No action was taken.

3. CD Renewal: Member Berekvam motioned to combine the two current CD's and the Savings Account into one CD for 17 months. Member Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

4. Transformer Replacement: Members Berekvam and Johnson will meet with Steve Oian from MiEnergy to further investigate the options available. Clerk Peterson will check on payment plan options with MiEnergy.

5. Zoning Permit Application – Snyder: Member Cook motioned to approve the installation of a landing and staircase on the west side of the house. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. At this time the house will be rented as a whole house short term rental. It was noted that

replacement of doors, windows, and the roof did not require a zoning permit. Motion carried all in favor.

G. Miscellaneous:

1. **Minnesota Department of Health:** Water tested from the Whalan Park system showed no coliform bacteria.
2. **Member Cook:** Member Cook noted that she would not be in attendance at the August 10th City Council meeting. Funeral arrangements for her husband will be happening August 8th at Our Saviors Church in Lyle.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 10th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Lewis moved to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Johnson. Motion Carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer