

Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Dave Ruberg, Ben Ruberg, Randy Berekvam, Melanie Murphy, David Hallum, Barb Jeffers, Bridgette Rath, Chad Steffens, John Gaddo.

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 Johnson motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of Survey, Museum, Mulch, Taste of the Trail, and Brush Clean-up to Miscellaneous. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting will be presented at the September 2022 meeting to allow time to make clerical amendments.

D. Treasurer's Report: Clerk Peterson provided the treasurer's report. The following are the balances as of 07/31/2022: General Fund \$56,839.97, Court Reimbursement Fund \$14,638.00, Ballfield Fund \$889.06, Beautification Fund \$187.00, American Recovery Act Funding \$7,212.62, Small Cities Assist \$12,153.00, General Capital \$27,339.35, and Electric Fund \$32,159.34. Member Higbe 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>
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 07/31/2022	\$726.88	6062
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 07/31/2022	\$570.13	6063
8082028	Whalan Museum	\$35.13	6051
8082023	City of Lanesboro	\$250.00	6052
8082022	City of Lanesboro	\$81.00	6053
8082024	O'Koren Law Office LLC	\$630.00	6054
8082025	Acentek	\$41.07	6055
8082026	Fillmore County Journal	\$77.21	6056
8082027	Harter's Trash & Recycling Inc	\$57.29	6057
8082029	Plunkett's Pest Control	\$44.13	6058
8082030	Fillmore County Journal	\$77.21	6059
8082031	Burns & Messenger, Inc	\$28.88	6060

8082032	League of MN Cities	\$421.00	6061
8082034	MiEnergy	\$4,481.10	6064
8082033	MiEnergy	\$172.00	6065

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

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:

- a. No comments were shared.

F. New Business:

- a. **Mower:** It was determined that the motor on the mower needs to be replaced. Two estimates were received, one for \$3,500 and one for \$2,000. Our mower currently has 800 hours on it. A new mower is estimated to cost \$8,000. A used mower similar to our existing is available for \$5,000. Member Johnson will check into the total cost of the loaner supplied by M&M. Member Lewis motioned to approve replacement of the motor at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 with funds coming from the General Fund. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

G. Continued Business:

- a. **Town Hall Siding:** The process has been started to apply for a grant from the USDA Community Facilities Program, as well as through the State Historic Preservation Office for a Legacy Grant. Discussion to be continued.
- b. **Zoning Board:** A volunteer is still in need to serve on the Zoning Board.
- c. **Placement of Plum Trees:** Member Lewis motioned to plant the plum trees near the town hall, with the exact location to be determined during planting. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- d. **Parking along 2nd Avenue:** Members reviewed the diagram presented showing measurements and requirements for parallel and diagonal parking. Member Higbe motioned to stripe parallel parking on both sides of the street. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Striping will be completed after the Street Improvement Project for this year. Motion carried with Mayor Tuftin and Members Higbe, Berekvam, and Lewis voting in favor, Member Johnson voted against.
- e. **Public Right of Way:** Member Higbe motioned to verify with the City Attorney if the area should be considered for public dedication, or could an agreement be made with the HomeOwners Association. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- f. **Oak Street Drainage:** Discussion will be continued at the September meeting.

H. Miscellaneous:

- a. **Neighborhood Meeting:** A meeting will be held Wednesday, August 17, 2022 to receive information relating to the 2022 Street Improvements Project.
- b. **Town Hall Meeting:** A meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 to discuss the state of the Electric Utility and the options for moving forward.

- c. Community Survey:** The Zoning Commission recommended a survey be sent out asking input on the number of short term lodging establishments allowable in Whalan. Member Lewis motioned to have the survey sent out with the addition of the total percentage of residential properties included on the survey. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- d. Museum Request:** Member Higbe motioned to request a quote to replace the fixtures in the museum with LED fixtures. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- e. Mulch:** Member Lewis motioned to move the mulch to a separate pile near the burn pile area, on City land. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- f. Taste of the Trail:** Member Lewis motioned to approve use of the Town Hall for the Taste of the Trail event on September 8, 9, and 10, 2022. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- g. Brush Clean-Up:** Discussion was had regarding the brush growth on the undeveloped portion of Public Right of ways, as well as near the intersections. Discussion will continue next month.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Higbe moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Lewis. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer