

Approved 10/09/2023

**Whalan City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, September 11, 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 (via ZOOM), 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 Lewis motioned to approve the agenda with the following additional discussions: Lanesboro Area Community Foundation Grant Application; and Thank You to be sent for donation. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, with all in favor.

**C. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the August 14, 2023 Council Meeting and August 25, 2023 Special Meeting were read by Mayor Hallum. Member Lewis motioned to approve the minutes as presented, except with one correction that the Interviews on August 25 began at 12:30 pm instead of 1:00 pm. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**D. Treasurer's Report:** Clerk Grossell provided the treasurer's report. The following are the balances as of 08/31/2023: General Fund \$46,266.60, Court Reimbursement Fund \$2,103.19, Taste of the Trail \$3,130.55, Ballfield Fund \$935.06, Beautification Fund \$187.00, General Capital \$27,610.34, and Electric Fund \$47,917.18. Member Higbe motioned to approve the treasurer's report including the following accounts payable:

Claim No	Vendor	Detail	Amount	Check Number
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 08/31/2023	August Payroll	\$ 589.99	6244
Payroll	Payroll Period Ending 08/31/2023	August Payroll	\$ 669.15	6245
09112308	City of Lanesboro	September OnSite Services	\$ 162.00	6239
09112304	Plunkett's Pest Control	Invoice 8188051	\$ 44.52	6236
09112301	League of MN Cities	Inv #388769 Annual Dues	\$ 449.00	6233
09112310	Rushford Hardware	Transaction E352494, B149993	\$ 86.53	6243
09112302	MN Mayor's Assoc	Annual Dues	\$ 30.00	6234
09112305	Acentek	Inv. 12592492	\$ 40.64	6237
09112303	Septic Pros	Invoice #230576	\$ 160.00	6235
09112306	Whalan Museum	September Internet Expense	\$ 35.13	6240
09112309	Fillmore County Journal	Inv. 156441	\$ 24.10	6242
09112311	MiEnergy	Purchase Power, invoice	\$ 5,233.52	6241
09112307	League of MN Cities Ins Trust	W.C. Renewal 9-1-23/9-1-24	\$ 433.00	6238

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

**E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:** No comments were shared.

**F. New Business:**

- a. 2024 Preliminary Budget, Resolution 2023-10 Proposed Tax Levy:** Member Higbe motioned to approve Resolution 2023-10 setting the preliminary budget for 2024 for the City in the amount of \$64,613. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**G. Continued Business:**

- a. Generation X:** The Clerk/Treasurer will try to obtain their contact information.
- b. DNR Signs and Trees:** Member Johnson has not been able to get any additional information from the DNR regarding dead branches/ cleanup required on the trail. It was questioned if S2S could complete the clean-up if needed. Regarding the signs, Member Lewis made a motion for Member Johnson to purchase/install the signs. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- c. Local Road Improvement Grant Application, Resolution 2023-09:** No updates have been received on this grant request.

**H. Miscellaneous:**

- a. Lanesboro Area Community Foundation Grant Application:** Members reviewed materials regarding a grant opportunity ranging from \$250-\$5,000 for projects that will enhance the lives of people who call Lanesboro home through education, supportive services, the arts, etc. Fall applications are due by Sept 30, and Spring applications will be due in March. Member Higbe motioned to table this topic until January, so we have more time to create a stronger grant application. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- b. Thank you to be sent for recent donation:** Member Johnson motioned to have the Clerk/Treasurer send a thank you note to the owner of Aroma Pie Shoppe for the industrial freezer she donated to the City of Whalan Ballpark. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- c. New Clerk/Treasurer:** Teresa Grossell was welcomed to her new role as Whalan's City Clerk/Treasurer.
- d. Public Hearing:** A reminder that next month's meeting will begin with a second Public Hearing regarding the final draft of the short-term lodging ordinance, per the Planning & Zoning Committee's request.

**Next Meeting: Monday, October 9, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. starting with the Public Hearing followed by the Regular Council Meeting.**

**ADJOURN:** Member Johnson moved to adjourn at 5::41 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Lewis. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa L. Grossell  
City Clerk/Treasurer