

Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021 5:00 p.m.
Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Dave Ruberg, Ben Ruberg, Melanie Murphy, Wes Harding, and Barb Jeffers

Public Hearing: Mayor Tuftin called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. It was noted that the ordinance 92.05 was not complete. Several other clerical errors were noted. Clerk Peterson will review the Code of Ordinance and represent at the October meeting. Member Johnson motioned to close the Public Hearing. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor, the Public Hearing was closed at 5:14 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Tuftin called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Agenda: Member Higbe motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of Electric Line Trimming, Business License, and LMCIT Waiver.. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Approval of Minutes:

1. Mayor Tuftin read the minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 9, 2021: Member Lewis motioned to approve the minutes as submitted with the suggested amendments. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

D. Treasurer's Report: Clerk Peterson provided the treasurer's report. The CD has a value of \$27,199.55 General Fund \$44,956.77, Ballfield Fund \$1,152.27, Beautification Fund \$187.00, and Electric Fund \$18,469.85 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>
91320211	MiEnergy Invoice 483557	\$4746.76	5903
913202110	MiEnergy Purchase Power	\$4630.41	5912
913202111	Minnesota Mayors Association Membership Dues \$30.00		5914
913202112	League of MN Cities Membership Dues	\$420.00	5915
913202113	Wes Harding Purchase pole trimmer	\$85.00	5916
91320212	Manion O'Koren Law Firm LLC Invoice 398	\$180.00	5904
91320213	Sveen Excavating Invoice 8/24/2021	\$1425.00	5905
91320214	Whalan Museum Sept Internet Expense	\$35.13	5906
91320215	Acentek 11970071	\$41.10	5907

91320216	Plunkett's Pest Control Invoice 7205590	\$40.00	5908
91320217	Fillmore County Journal 126340	\$42.22	5909
91320218	City of Lanesboro September rent	\$225.00	5910
91320219	MiEnergy Invoice	\$172.00	5911

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

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:

- a. **Wes Harding:** Mr. Harding noted that the Taste of the Trail event had been successful. The community had several visitors between 10am and 2 pm. The committee will be transferring their current fund balance to the City in October.

F. Continued Business:

1. **Plum Tree:** Council noted that this should be discussed in the Spring of 2022, locations could be identified during the spring walking tour.
2. **Portable Bathroom:** Administration did not receive a response back from the DNR, it was also noted that the bike tire pump had been removed. Further attempts to discuss these concerns with the DNR will be taken.
3. **Lodging Tax Discussion:** Current committee members include Kim Berekvam and John Smith. They plan to have a presentation on suggested amendments to the contract for the November City Council meeting.

G. New Business:

1. **Code of Ordinances, Resolution 2021-11:** Member Johnson motioned to table Resolution 2021-11. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. **Resolution 2021-10, Preliminary 2022 Budget:** Member Lewis motioned to approve Resolution 2021-10 setting the preliminary budget for 2022. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
3. **Council Seat:** Attorney O’Koren provided guidance that due to the previous term being over the midway of the term when vacated, the requirement for a special election was not met. Therefore the position could be appointed through 2022. Member Higbe noted that she would fulfill this position through 2022.
4. **LACC Funds:** Clerk Peterson noted that a request for reimbursement for the brochures printed earlier this year had been submitted to the LACC. Member Lewis motioned to purchase picnic tables with the additional funds for 2021. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Member Higbe motioned to approve up to \$200 in matching City funds for the picnic tables. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
5. **Hall Rental:** Member Lewis motioned to approve the Hall Rental to Alesha Sveen for September 24, 2021. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
6. **Zoning Permits Issued:** Clerk Peterson shared the following building permits that have been approved since the Zoning Committee last met in May of 2021:
 - Steffens - Driveway
 - Hudoba - Fence
 - Julianne - New Home
 - Higbe - New Addition

H. Miscellaneous:

- 1. Electric Line Trimming:** Member Berekvam motioned to request a quote and or suggestions from Dave Norby for the tree owned by Diane Knight that has an electric line running through the middle of it. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 2. Business License:** Member Lewis motioned to approve a business license for Whalan Autobody, LLC. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 3. Waiver Form:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the liability waiver form indicating the City does not waive the monetary limits. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 4. Pole Trimmer:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the purchase of an electric pole trimmer in the amount of \$85.00 from Wes Harding. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Member Lewis moved to adjourn at 6:01 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Higbe. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer