

**Whalan City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 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, Scott Kerl, Randy Berekvam, 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 the addition of Tree and Brush Removal 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, September 13, 2021: Member Berekvam 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 \$38,341.69, Ballfield Fund \$1,152.27, Beautification Fund \$187.00, American Recovery Act Funding \$3,491.96, Small Cities Assist \$6,076.50, and Electric Fund \$19,215.26 Member Johnson 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>
1012202110	MN Department of Revenue	\$44.02	E101212
1012202111	MN PERA	\$210.00	E101213
1012202112	MiEnergy	\$3,250.69	5925
1012202114	MN Department of Revenue	\$1,355.00	E101214
101220217	MiEnergy	\$255.00	5921
101220218	Plunkett's Pest Control	\$40.00	5923
101220219	IRS	\$470.04	E101211
1012211	MiEnergy	\$172.00	5919
1012212	MiEnergy	\$20.00	5920
1012213	Whalan Museum	\$70.26	5927
1012214	Acentek	\$40.69	5917
1012215	League of MN Cities	\$30.00	5922
1012216	City of Lanesboro	\$225.00	5918

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

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

**F. Continued Business:**

1. Taste of the Trail Committee, Resolution Accepting Donation 2021-12: Member Lewis motioned to approve the resolution accepting \$3,308.92 from the Taste of the Trail Committee. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. Resolution 2021-11 Adopting the Code of Ordinances: Member Johnson motioned to approve the resolution as submitted. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
3. LACC Funding: The purchase of picnic tables was approved for funding using the remaining 2021 funding. Additionally the 2022 funding will be discussed later this year.
4. Picnic Tables: Member Lewis inquired if the City should consider purchasing adaptive picnic tables. Member Lewis will look into purchasing one table at a cost of up to \$500.00. Member Johnson will also look to see if a better price can be found.
5. Tree Trimming: The property owner worked with Norby Tree Service and had the tree removed that was in the power line.

**G. New Business:**

1. **Zoning Member Appointment:** Member Berekvam motioned to appoint Andrej Peterka to the Zoning Board. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

**H. Miscellaneous:**

1. **Tree Removal:** Members first discussed the desire to have an estimate to remove the pine tree at 821 Oak Street that was noted to be in the right of way. It was noted that the tree is a high hazard tree and should be removed as soon as possible, due to the concern for liability. Member Berekvam motioned to have the tree removed. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. **Brush Removal:** Mayor Tuftin noted that the undeveloped portion of 2nd Avenue is overgrown, therefore the brush should be removed before it begins to interfere with the power lines. Member Berekvam motioned to request a quote for the brush removal. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
3. **Ambulance Service:** Clerk Peterson shared that Lanesboro Ambulance has become a substation to the Preston Ambulance Service. The goal is to keep a truck in Lanesboro staffed by our community members. Peterson noted appreciation for the hardwork and dedication of the volunteers to keep the Ambulance service in our community.

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURN:** Member Johnson moved to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Lewis. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson  
City Clerk/Treasurer