

**Whalan City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2022
Meeting held at the Whalan Town Hall and via Zoom**

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Dave Ruberg, Randy Berekvam, Melanie Murphy, David Hallum, Barb Jeffers, John Gaddo, and Ben Ruberg

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 addition of Resolution 2022-8 and the removal of Melander - PERA Request to New Business. Member Higbe seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

C. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October 11, 2022 Council Meeting were read by Mayor Tuftin. Member Berekvam motioned to approve the minutes with a clerical amendment. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

D. Treasurer's Report: Clerk Peterson provided the treasurer's report. The following are the balances as of 10/31/2022: General Fund \$44,639.12, Court Reimbursement Fund \$14,638.00, Taste of the Trail \$3,130.55, Ballfield Fund \$1,135.06, Beautification Fund \$187.00, American Recovery Act Funding \$7,212.62, Small Cities Assist \$12,153.00, General Capital \$27,359.06, and Electric Fund \$35,478.02. 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 10/31/2022	\$570.13	6103
1114221	M&M Lawn & Leisure	\$8,091.45	6093
1114222	Whalan Museum	\$70.26	6094
1114223	City of Lanesboro	\$250.00	6095
1114224	Acentek	\$40.66	6096
1114225	Lanesboro Rural Fire Department	\$1,489.8	6097
1114226	Whalan Auto Body	\$435.77	6098
1114227	Plunkett's Pest Control	\$44.13	6099
1114228	MiEnergy	\$5,453.76	6100
1114229	O'Koren Law Office LLC	\$580	6101
11142210	Harter's Trash & Recycling Inc	\$27.96	6102

Member Berevam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for, with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

E. Welcome to Visitors and Visitor Comments:

- a. Randy Berekvam:** Noted that one banner had fallen down, however it was found. Additionally it was noted that if the pole for the 2nd Avenue sign could not be straightened, he will contact the City office.

F. New Business:

- a. Resolution 2022-8:** Member Johnson motioned to approve the resolution as presented certifying the results of the Tuesday, November 8, 2022 election. Member Lewis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for, with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.
- b. MN Pay Equity Reporting:** Member Berekvam motioned to accept the compliance report as presented. Member Higbe seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for, with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Landscaping along river:** Members discussed the maintenance of the area along the river noting how steep the embankment is. Member Higbe motioned to assess over the next year if the City should continue mowing the area or consider planting wild flowers. Member Lewis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for, with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.

G. Continued Business:

- a. 2023 Budget:** Members discussed amounts in the fuel and equipment budget. No changes were recommended at this time. Discussion will be continued in December to set the final levy.
- b. Town Hall Siding:** Discussion to be continued.
- c. Zoning Board:** A volunteer is still in need to serve on the Zoning Board.
- d. Public Right of Way and Maintenance:** Member Lewis motioned to approve the contract amending it to list the individual property owners as well as include an automatic renewal clause. Member Berekvam seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for, with all members voting in favor. Motion carried.
- e. Striping of 2nd Avenue:** Member Johnson and Lewis plan to complete this project in the Spring once the ground is warm enough.

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

ADJOURN: Member Johnson moved to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. Motion seconded by Member Higbe. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Peterson
City Clerk/Treasurer