

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY JULY 11, 2024
5:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER:

MAYOR STROM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: TOBY STROM, JORDAN GUNUFSON, LUKE SYVERSON

MEMBERS ABSENT: BETH HAGEN, LUKE BURD

MELISSA FINSETH – CLERK/TREASURER

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN - LICENSED ASSISTED LIVING DIRECTOR FOR POPLAR MEADOWS

GUESTS: BRYCE STORDAHL, DARLENE DIERKES

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

QUORUM WAS MET

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

- h. HEGG ADDITION - JONAH SALVHUS
- i. WELL HOUSE BUILDING
- j. DRAIN TILE – JENNAL HUBBARD

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDITIONS. PASSED UNOPPOSED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. JUNE 13, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY JORDAN GUNUFSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO APPROVE THE JUNE 13, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

BRYCE STORDAHL WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT IS TO MAINTAIN WEEDS, GRASS, AND SNOW ON THE SIDEWALKS ALONG CLEVELAND AVENUE. THE CITY ORDINANCES STATE AS FOLLOWS: (B) *Snow, ice, dirt and rubbish.*

(1) *Duty of owners and occupants.* The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. No owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit thereon. Failure to comply with this section shall constitute a violation.

§ 93.03 MATERIALS ON STREET OR SIDEWALK.

(A) No person shall encumber any street, sidewalk, or right-of-way. No owner, occupant, or person having the care of any building or lot of land, bordering on any street, sidewalk, or right-of-way shall permit it to be encumbered with barrels, boxes, cans, articles, or substances of any kind, so as to interfere with the free and unobstructed use thereof.

THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO TREAT WEEDS GROWING IN THE SIDEWALKS ALONG CLEVELAND AVENUE. THE CITY WILL ALSO CONTINUE SNOW REMOVAL ALONG CLEVELAND AVENUE PROVIDED THE SIDEWALKS ARE NOT CLUTTERED WITH ITEMS THAT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR CITY MACHINERY TO MANEUVER AROUND.

MR. STORDAHL ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT THE “WELCOME TO MCINTOSH” SIGN ON THE WEST-END OF TOWN IN THE RAIL ROAD’S RIGHT-OF-WAY. AS DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, THE RAILROAD HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH, SO MUCH SO THAT SOME SIGN COMPANIES REFUSE TO DEAL WITH THEM. THE CITY WILL CONTINUE DO WHAT IT CAN TO GET THE SIGN REINSTALLED.

MEDA AND POPLAR MEADOWS :

a. RENTAL STATUS

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN REPORTED THAT POPLAR MEADOWS CURRENTLY HAS 25 RESIDENTS. THE FOLLOWING APARTMENTS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE: 1-1 BEDROOM AND 1 – 1 BEDROOM IN THE EXTENDED CARE UNIT.

b. APPROVE POPLAR MEADOWS MONTHLY BILLS

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND APPROVED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,607.87. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

c. REVENUE STATUS

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE \$20,000.00, IF NEEDED, FOR THE ADDITIONAL PAY PERIOD IN AUGUST. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. REESE PROPERTY BID

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NEW BUSINESS:

a. UNITED STATES 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

DARLENE DIERKES WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO ASK IF THE CITY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SPONSORING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN 2027. A JOINT MEETING WITH THE MCINTOSH COMMUNITY CLUB, THE MCINTOSH HERITAGE AND ARTS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 29, 2024 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. AN AD IN THE MCINTOSH TIMES WILL BE PLACED WITH FURTHER DETAILS. MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE SPONSORSHIP. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

b. PROPANE PRE-BUY

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE PURCHASING 2,000 GALLONS OF PROPANE AT THE PRE-BUY RATE OF \$1.55/GALLON. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

c. BUILDING PERMIT – DONNA VANHEES

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR DONNA VANHEES. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

d. BUILDING PERMIT – TIM BERGSTROM

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR TIM BERGSTROM. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

e. BUILDING PERMIT – BRIAN PASKVAN

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR BRIAN PASKVAN. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

f. HEAT PUMP REPAIR – COMMUNITY CENTER

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE REPAIR OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER HEAT PUMP. PASSED UNOPPOSED

g. SET UP PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING FOR AUGUST

THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING WAS SET FOR AUGUST 14, 2024 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

MOTION BY JORDAN GUNUFSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,778.07. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

JORDAN GUNUFSON REQUESTED EITHER GRAVEL OR HOT MIX BE USED TO FILL IN POT HOLES ALONG RIVERSIDE AVENUE. MAYOR STROM SAID HE WOULD CONTACT REIT ROCK TO GET A QUOTE FOR NOT ONLY RIVERSIDE AVENUE BUT OTHER STREETS IN TOWN.

MR. GUNUFSON ALSO REPORTED THAT A PICNIC TABLE HAS BEEN DAMAGED AND WAS SCRATCHED WITH GRAFFITI AND WILL NEED TO BE REPAIRED.

TOBY STROM REPORTED THAT THE DUMP TRUCK AND 6X6 POLARIS RANGER WILL BE PUT ON THE AUCTION BLOCK THE WEEK OF JULY 15, 2024.

MELISSA FINSETH REPORTED THAT THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONDUCTED THE CITY'S WELL HEAD PROTECTION AUDIT AND WERE FOUND IN COMPLIANCE WITH NO CONCERNS.

NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO ADJOURN AT 6:25. PASSED UNOPPOSED.