



## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM via remote session by Mayor Dean with all members being present.

Staff members present were Scott Bryant, Chief Williamson, Dan Lush, Perry Mayer, Samantha Walley and Anita Corso.

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from September 8, 2020, invoices from September 21, 2020 with payroll expenses for the period ending 9/11/2020 totaling \$39,976.48, and the appointments of Mr. Tyler Elmore as member and Mr. Jeffrey Baker as alternate to the City of Le Roy Zoning Board of appeals. The Mayor mentioned the resignation of Don Jenkins and thanks him for his years of service on the Board. Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Greg to approve consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Dan reported the Meadow Lane project is progressing. The driveway, culvert, and concrete work is complete with 32 culverts being replaced. Ditch work to begin immediately.

Perry reported a leak at S. Buck St. and W. Vine St. The leak is being closely monitored and repair work is scheduled for Thursday 9/24/20. Repairs to the air compressor are complete. Elm and Chestnut Street project is in final cleanup stage. IEPA is requesting extra samples to help set state maximum levels. Frontier Communications again showing an outage that effect the way the water plant works. He is researching alternatives to Frontier landlines.

Samantha reminded Council about the flu-shot clinic for City staff, council & employees Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oct 9<sup>th</sup> at Carle in Bloomington. The owners of the nursing home have petitioned the county to decrease the assessed value. The school is planning on objecting to the decrease. Sam asked for guidance on the City filing an objection also. General opinion was to file the objection. Contract negotiations for the Police will begin soon.

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Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Rick to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to approve Variance 20-V-03 as requested by Mr. Michael Hillard. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-abstain, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Council entered discussion with the possibility of a motion in regard to **ORD 20-09-03-50**, an ordinance renewing and extending the current franchise agreement with Corn Belt Electric Cooperative for a period of fifty (50) years. It was mentioned the rates in new agreement were unchanged from 1970. Council asked Samantha to see what other towns were charging for franchise fees. Motion to table pending further information was made by Rick and seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business the Rick asked for an update on the Realtor selection for the lots for sale. Mayor Dean said he reached out to the two realtors that responded requesting percentage amounts. Mark Haeffele has not responded. Sherri Masters replied with a six percent (6%) fee. The consensus is to go with Sherri Masters and a six (6) month contract. Mayor Dean will follow-up with a contract request from Sherri.

Motion to adjourn regular council meeting at 7:26 P.M was made by Greg and seconded by Brad.



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