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**CITY OF MINNESOTA LAKE  
ACCEPTED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

Council Attending: Mayor Jeff Ramsley; Council: Edie More, Joan Proehl, Richard Staloch, Lon Stenzel via phone.

City Staff: **City Maintenance-** John Hawker & Saxon Warmka; **City Clerk:** Dawn Whitehead

Others Attending: **MnLake Fire Dept-**Dave Malakowsky; **Mn Lake Ambulance:** Dave Radtke; **MnLake Tribune-**Don Kain; **Kremer House-**Peg Sonnek.

Citizens: Pat Laird

Mayor Ramsley called to order the City Council meeting at 6:02 p.m.

**Fire Department (FD)** –Dave Malakowsky explained expenditures from SASCS for barn burn of \$1,500 (state reimbursed) and Water Rescue training \$400; MSFSBC cert. renewals of \$125, Kirvida Fire \$425.33 repair pump primer on #252 and \$17.93 in truck fuel. There was 1 Natural Gas call and 1 assist.

Community Service was MR Homecoming Parade. Meeting room remodel scheduled for November. FD will be seeking bids on grass rig replacement and Jaws of Life.

- October is Fire Prevention Week – Theme is cooking at home and unattended cooking in homes. Dave M asked if the MnLake Trib would run ad in paper for people to contact the Clerk for replacement fire alarms and CO monitors by the Fire Dept.
- Received DNR grant award of \$5000 for pagers. Compeer Grant & Gear Dryer grant are still in process.

**Ambulance Department:** Dave Radtke stated September = 7 BLS runs. Dave R. was alerted that COVID has potentially reached the EMS team so updates will be given when more is known. Officer team has started Policy/Procedure review.

- Rattle in patient compartment is coming from under floor. Need to tint patient compartment windows.
- 2 new employees started onboarding process, 2 members out on medical leave.
- 4 pagers going in for repair.

**Police Department (PD)** – Ben stated there were 84 calls of service. Received a donation from FD to purchase glow sticks to hand out to kids before Halloween for safety. City will run ad in paper to let town kids know. Ben consulted with the Kremer House about historical items for display and suggested an alarm and security system that can be monitored remotely. Peg Sonnek from the Kremer House stated the members were in favor of the security system.

**Public Works (PW)**– The 4<sup>th</sup> Ave project is done and the avenue reopened Sunday, with curb backfilled today.

- Ordered snowblower from Smiths Mills Implement and will be in first part of January.
- PW had excavating projects so purchased a used excavator for Bobcat for \$4,700. They completed 3 projects with it.

PW would like to move ahead with the fencing project, with the lower bid by Lukas Schimek of \$4,200. **Joan made a motion to approve the installation of fencing around the 1<sup>st</sup> dumpsite for PW storage and PD vehicle impounding at max cost of \$5,000, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.**

- PW Suggest setting aside \$10,000/yr in budgets for John's PTO payout in a couple of years. Mayor stated probably can't do for 2021 as City has already completed proposed Levy.

**Water Dept.**- The Water tower fill pipe has a leak; parts have been ordered.

**Park Dept.** – Bathrooms are closed for the year. Almost all materials are gathered for Park tiling project to begin. PW continues to get field rock to go around pond. Only a few more loads are needed. Clerk will run another ad for rock.

**Kremer House** – John suggested the attic windows be inspected and replaced if necessary. The front windows need urgent sanding and refinishing – John will stop up. A donor wishes to donate a WWI pistol and WWII rifle found at

Hiroshima after bombing. Bernie Sonnek will make a locked case. Council discussed what type of case they should be housed in and security measures. Mayor asked for a quote on camera system. **Lon made a motion to approve the donation of a WWI pistol and WWII rifle and have a case built to hang in the Kremer House, 2nd by Joan, Edie abstained, motion carried.**

Peg asked if PW could blow down the porch and she'd repaint it. Historical Society won't be having the cookie sale, but they would still have bags to hand out. Santa's visit at the Kremer House is scheduled for Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>. The appreciation dinner has been cancelled due to COVID and staffing issues. The Historical Society thanked the City for all it does.

**Clerk's Report–**

Clerk stated Police aid for 2020 is \$8,840.72, which is paid in November. Fire aid pass-thru for Relief is \$15,059.40. **Joan made a motion to approve the payment to the Minnesota Lake Fire Department Relief association the pass-through of \$15,059.40, 2nd by Lon, motion carried.**

The Mn-PEIP healthcare premiums increased 9.2%, from \$635.20 to \$697.46 on the Advantage High Option plan. **Richard made a motion to approve the 2021 renewal of the MN-PEIP healthcare program, 2nd by Joan, motion carried.**

The City may or may not be receiving the CARES funding. The HHS website shows the City receiving \$1,936, but we received an email today that stated we did not qualify, with no recourse to find out why.

**Edie made a motion to approve the purchase of Samsung tablets to allow Council members and Department to receive their Council packets and attend meetings remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic , 2nd by Richard, motion carried. – motion rescinded.**

**Edie made a motion to approve the purchase of Samsung tablets for Council and each department (9 total), for the purpose to conduct meetings remotely, due to covid-19, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard, motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

Construction Permits:

Public Hearing & Planning commission recommendations to approve:

- Julie Feye's variance because garage is too close to property line. **Richard made a motion to approve Julie Feye's variance to build a garage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lon, motion carried.**
- Craig & Janelle Schultz variance due to square footage is over allowed for accessory buildings. **Richard made a motion approve Craig & Janelle's variance to build a shed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard, motion carried.**

**Edie Motion to approve the following expenditures Stenzel Masonry \$3,500, Yeager Implement \$11,500, Tri-City Sewer \$12,383.39, US Bank \$43,782.50, Boening Bros. \$6,694.85 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard, motion carried.**

**Edie made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-24, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard, motion carried.**

**Joan made a motion to approve the Murphy Oil cigarette license, Lon 2nd, motion carried.**

**Richard made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1 to Amend the Rural Service District Tax Rate, 2nd by Joan, motion carried.**

**Richard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exclusion of the copier quote, including September 1, 2020 Budget workshop minutes, September 8, 2020 Regular Council minutes, Receipts, Claims paid (Jeff reviewed) and Claims to be paid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edie, motion carried.**

**New Business:**

November meeting scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard, motion carried unanimously.**

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk/Treasurer