

Regular Meeting – July 27, 2020

Members Present

Michael Shurson
Chad Neitzel
Jenna Pederson
Jason Casey
Sarah Sundve

Members absent

Others Present

Wayne Billing
Brad Field
Chuck Ness
Jessica Lutgens
Ryan Nissen
Larry Goehring
Pam Goehring
Gordy Loverink

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Shurson at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call - All members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda – Motion made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Jason Casey to approve agenda. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda – Motion made by Sarah Sundve seconded by Jason Casey to approve Consent Items:

1. Accounts Payable
2. May 2020 Financial Report
3. Accept Fire Relief Pension Report
4. Purchase of Police Department lapel mics

Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Gordy Loverink – Questioned the arrangement on wage rate for Ryan Gehrke when he goes to part-time. The Council explained that the freeze in pay at his full-time pay was for hourly wage per hour worked not a salary paid at the same annual rate.

Peoples Service Report – Brad Field

- Report for June activity presented.
- Brad reported no issues with the large rain event over the weekend.
- Expressed appreciation for help given by Water Department and notices printed in the City Newsletter.
- Motion made by Jenna Pederson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Peoples Service Report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Maintenance Department Report – Ryan Nissen

- June Water Activity Report presented.
The Catholic Church would like to remove two trees directly in front of the church. Motion made by Chad Neitzel seconded by Sarah Sundve to approve removal by the church at church expense. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
- Pearson's will be here this week to chip seal streets, WW says we are scheduled for the end of August.
- Compost dump has been pushed back and is in rather good shape.
- Motion made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve the Maintenance Department report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

N.R. Care Center – Chuck Ness, Administrator

- Financial Report for June presented. Loss YTD (118,938) mostly due to COVID 19 affecting admissions. Working on closing the loan from the Federal Government, hopefully no payback required. This will possibly free up access to State funds for operating deficit assistance.
- Some good news, with the big rain over the weekend the roof did not leak so it appears the fix last year did the trick.
- Motion made by Sarah Sundve seconded by Jenna Pederson to approve June 2020 Accounts Payable and Financial Statements. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
- Activity for residents during the COVID 19 safety protocols was discussed.
- Study of the possible assisted living project is moving forward; a Phase 1 environmental study has been ordered.
- Motion made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Jenna Pederson to approve the Care Center Report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Police Department – Brian Loos, a part-time officer for the Department, has expressed an interest in the full-time position. Because of his experience, training and the fact that Brian is a use of force and firearms instructor, he would be a valuable member to the Department. Brian has requested to start at step seven and accrue vacation at ten hours per month. Motion made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Jenna Pederson to promote Brian Loos to full time at step seven, and ten hours vacation per month. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

City Clerk- South Central Service Coop will work on announcement this week and be ready to post. A new job description will be ready for the next meeting. Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jenna Pederson to change the title of the position to Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Adjournment – Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jenna Pederson to adjourn the meeting. Carried (5 yes, 0 no) 7:23 p.m.

Wayne Billing
City Clerk/Treasurer