Working Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: May 2, 2023, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Go over minutes from last meeting.

Go over claims for April.

Go over payroll for April.

Go over Cash Control statement.

Create an agenda for the regular meeting.

**Visitors**

Darcy Tonga

**FDSP**

Kunnari asked if Maintenance Worker Sherman needed help with collecting sewer tarps, Maintenance Worker Sherman stated no, and that he had twenty tarps left.

Council Lego inquired about travel trailer to be hooked up to step system. Maintenance Worker Sherman stated the cost is $25 a year.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Council Hardies confirmed letters were sent to Angela David/ Jordan regarding ordinance §91.06 (the keeping of three or more dogs on the same premises.

Council Kunnari addressed three dogs (potentially) at Jennifer Johnson’s house. Council Kunnari addressed the council if anything can be done about this matter. Council Hardies because of the location of the residence suggested Council Kunnari contact Gould Township. Council Kunnari stated he will speak with Dick Wake regarding Gould township ordinances/ dog policy. Additionally, a description of three dogs were given residing at Leo Jordan’s residence (white/ tan Pitbull, rottweiler (long tail), rottweiler (doc tail) Another resident’s dog owned by Anne Ruschmeier was discussed. The description of the dog was (German shepherd/ Pitbull) Potentially could be owned by Angela Davis. The council discussed writing leash law letters to residence/ future fines. The Clerk-Treasurer discussed how in the past that was problematic because of the issue of certain fines not allowed to be assessed. The Clerk-Treasurer also mentioned that establishing fines requires a procedure that the council up to this date has not completed.

Mayor Raines requested Embridge information from Deputy Clerk Payment, Deputy Clerk Payment will present information in the future regarding the topic. Deputy Clerk Payment stated that the Sourcewell application was submitted April 14th. Mayor Raines inquired about additional grants potentially from Blandin, Deputy Clerk Payment mentioned MN Power (Justin Payment) will look into it, and Deputy Clerk Payment will look into future grant opportunities for the city.

Culvert on 16th Ave located at (Jennifer Johnson’s) is in need of replacement. The water on the southside cannot get to the culvert to the northside to drain. Council Lego stated this is where the bus turns around. Council Kunnari stated that all city streets should be maintained with so many loads of gravel a year to prevent the condition of their poor state three or four years ago when thousands of dollars had to be spent, however, Council Kunnari stated nothing had been done for seventeen years, and that the City does not want to be in that position again on any of the roads. Mayor Raines mentioned Bog Road by Nature’s Corner condition. Justin Payment stated it is holding up okay, not as muddy. Deputy Clerk Payment mention potholes. Future maintenance on city roads was discussed. Hawkinson’s gravel was mentioned approvingly.

Council Kunnari asked City Maintenance Worker Sherman about Ericka’s easement request. City Maintenance Worker Sherman responded that a map was given to the resident.

Community garden staked out with pink ribbon 100x100 by 80x80. Maintenance Worker Sherman will fill out the city permit. Chief Raines discussed extending the garden. Fresh produce in the fall, plots purchased for a fee will involve paperwork that will cover liability, the county donating (material for fencing) and state (has a $300 grant) Secondhand Harvest can take donated produce. Paperwork states no liability to property. Mayor Raines asked Cass County Sheriff to patrol the garden when passing by on Hwy 8. Some gardens are raised, some will be in the ground. Jim from the State described the garden as “less work more garden” Jim from State will take Corp samples. Johnson’s donating saw dust. An individual is donating cow maneuver. The water source will be 260-gallon tanks that can be filled with fire trucks.

Fishing rods and tackles were donated approximately $2000 to the Fire Dept. for a donation that money earned from selling can be spent to sponsor Mayor Raines as Fire Chief to sponsor two days of Take a Kid fishing.

Options given for gravel Companies for city streets and alleys (Charlie Swenson) (Hawkinsons)

Council Kunnari addressed that these items should be on the upcoming agenda, Culvert for Nature’s Corner/ Jenn Johnson, Gravel City Streets

Council Hardies discussed activities, property, and cemetery committees. The Clerk Treasurer asked about Property Committee, Wanda Hardies stated that is tax forfeited must be approved by the council to sell or keep. Council Hardies stated she will be going to the County assessor’s office to get a handle on this. Council Hardies stated a couple of properties in city limits have not followed this procedure. Wanda Hardies stated that Deputy Clerk Payment should be on the property committee.

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Council Kunnari discussed Clerk hours, and the city acquiring a time clock, Maintenance worker questioned the reasoning of the time clock, Council Kunnari responded that he has had people work for him that he can’t trust. Council Kunnari requested an additional five hours be spent as Summer Office Hours. Deputy Clerk works Thursday 5:15-7:30PM and Clerk/Treasurer Mondays/ Tuesday 5:30-7:30PM Council Kunnari said the council would revisit office hours in the August Meeting

16th Ave issue. Resident (Joe Wimmer) owned property since the 90s is disputing property boundary. Resident would like the road closure decision delayed on the south end/ east of the Soo Line until they can resolve the issue that his property size went from 39 acres to 31 acres in year 2000.

**Clerk notes:**

**ADJ:**

**7:20**