

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 10, 2020 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, and Jim Anderson were present. Councilmember Tom Rieke was absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Darin Drill, Joe Duncan, Robert Jones (*MNDOT*), Dan Purvis (*Ratcliff Companies*) and Karen Fluegge (*Ledger*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Informational and Regular January 13, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$48,136.42 were approved on a motion which was made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by J. Anderson and which carried with all voting in favor.

Robert Jones with MNDOT was present to discuss the project overview of HWY 99 – Nicollet to St Peter (2021) project. The project will be 11 miles of Hwy 99 from Birch St. in Nicollet to the south intersection with Hwy 169 in St Peter will be resurfaced in 2021 to provide smoother road surface, improved drainage and safer rural intersections.

Dan Purvis with Ratcliff Companies presented a preliminary site plan for a Dollar General located on property owned by John Blume. Mr. Purvis gave an overview of Ratcliff Developments which will be the owner of the building and Dollar General Corporation will be the tenant with a lease term of 15 years and an option of 3 five-year renewals.

Council received the concept plan from Ratcliff Companies as presented with 4-points that will need to be addressed to proceed: MNDOT access, adjoining land owners consent, utilities and annexation process which was approved on a motion made by J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

City Clerk shared she received a complaint about an oil leak at 503 Elm Street. Maintenance spoke with the county as this is a county aid street and it was noted that the owner of the vehicle that is causing the leak will be held liable for costs incurred due to damage to the pavement. Mayor Froehlich spoke with the property owner regarding the complaint. The property owner will address the oil leak. The clerk also received a complaint that the property owner is not providing enough off-street parking stalls for its tenants. The current policy states that 1-1/2 off-street parking stalls for each apartment is to be provided. The council directed the clerk to send a letter to the property owner stating that a plan will need to be presented as to what will be provided for off street parking for the tenants.

Replacement of the maintenance supervisor's computer at an estimated cost of \$1,120 was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by J. Anderson, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Maintenance shared that the water meters warranty is done in March 2020. Council will need to decide to replace the meters or replace the meter head. Maintenance has been replacing the meter heads as need be under warranty. Council asked for a presentation as for what the options are to replace meters or meter heads.

Maintenance noted that he is waiting to hear from the seasonal lawn mowing employee to see if she will be back to mow in 2020, if she isn't interested the city will need to post an ad. In the 2020 budget it's budgeted to replace the v-plow on the Ford truck. Maintenance stated the v-plow will not need to be replaced but would like to purchase a snow pusher in place of the blade.

Purchase a snow pusher in 2020 was approved on a motion made by J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Purchase a water softener for the maintenance shop was approved on a motion made by J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Anthony and which carried with all voting in favor.

Partial acquisition of 1.79 acres at SE corner of Hwy 99 & County Road 72 of the City property is needed by MNDOT to complete the Highway 99 project in 2021. MNDOT offer is a permanent easement of .04 acres and a temporary easement of .03 acres for a period of 6.5 years. The offer is \$500.00. Council tabled the matter to sign the offer papers until the next meeting. The Clerk would need to follow-up with questions.

LG220 Application for Church of St Paul's Church – Festival June 14, 2020 was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

3.2 Liquor License for Church of St Paul's festival June 14, 2020 was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by J. Anderson, and which carried with all voting in favor.

With no further regular business, the meeting was closed at 7:18 p.m. to conduct employee reviews which was approved on a motion made by J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

At 7:41 pm the closed meeting was reopened which was approved on a motion made by J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The 3 full-time employees will receive a 3 percent pay increase per hr. which will be retroactive Jan 1, 2020, seasonal (regular) lawn mowing employee will receive a \$.50/hr. increase and the part-time employees will receive a \$.50/hr. increase effective Feb 10, 2020, which was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) April 13, 2020, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by J. Anderson, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer