## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Koosmann, Lee, Peterson, Sandow and Unruh were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, PW Director Caress, Fire Chief Holden, Kevin Oium, Lynn McIntyre, Jennifer Kuehl and Carlton DeWitt. Gail Maier, Dean LeMay and Dennis Hurtis arrived after the meeting started.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Unruh seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Regular Council meeting and the March 17, 2020 Special Council meeting. Voice vote carried.

Unruh moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

In Public Comments, Chief Holden informed the council that he has been involved in planning for a parade for the senior class to be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 11:00. Holden has put together a route starting and ending at the fairgrounds, has safety requirements in place for drivers and stated that the ambulance, state patrol and possibly the St. Croix County Sheriff's department will all be participating.

Jennifer Kuehl was at the meeting representing the Chamber of Commerce and updated the council that the chamber has started holding networking meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Currently the meetings are being held via Zoom from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

There was no summer rec committee report.

There was a written library report, and Peterson informed the council that the library board will be meeting to determine when they plan to reopen the library to patrons.

PW Director Caress reported that the sludge is out of the lagoon and final grading is all that is left to do with the project. Caress is working on estimates for chip sealing and street repairs. Also, in public works, the pool is being pumped down to prepare for the season, the storm sewer repair behind the carwash will begin soon and DeGross asked Caress to check with St. Croix County with regards to potholes that need to be filled at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (Hwy X) and Cherry St.

A written Police report was submitted.

There were no Clerk-Treasurer or Mayor's reports.

In Old Business, the municipal building options will be discussed in the public hearing.

Members of the fair board were in attendance to discuss the safe room at the fairgrounds. St. Croix County has committed to paying the 10% required match funding and the fair board has agreed to cover extras in the plan and any cost overruns that might occur. With these commitments, Peterson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the State-Local Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Assistance Agreement for safe room located at St. Croix County Fairgrounds. Voice vote carried. The Operations and Maintenance agreement that is part of the grant requirement was put into the Parks & Rec committee.

In New Business, Mayor Larson opened the Citizens Participation Hearing for Community Development Block Grant-Public Facilities Program. Lynn McIntyre of Cedar Corporation informed those present that the City would be eligible for up to \$1M in grant funding through the CDBG program which is administered by the

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Department of Administration. The program is in place to help low to moderate income residents with access to public facilities and that the library and community/senior center would be eligible for funding under the grant. A facility upgrade for those two entities will include handicap accessibility and correcting deficiencies that exist in the current locations. Application deadline is June 25<sup>th</sup> and awards are scheduled to be announced in August. There were no needs identified by the public and there were no public comments regarding the proposed project, therefore, Mayor Larson closed the public hearing at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Peterson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the City of Glenwood City Authorizing Resolution Authorizing Submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes. Motion carried.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to nominate Rob Unruh as Council President. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Peterson seconded a motion to close nominations and cast ballot for Rob Unruh. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes. Unruh abstained.

Mayor Larson handed out new standing committee appointments. DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve the appointments. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to designate the Tribune Press Reporter as the official newspaper. Voice vote carried.

PW Director Caress presented the council with options for replacing the 1999 dump truck. After discussion, Lee moved and Unruh seconded a motion to approve purchase of an International dump truck chasis with a stainless steel dump box for a total cost of \$148,179.06. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Caress then informed the council that the 2012 Chevy public works truck box is rusting over the wheel wells. Once estimate for repair is \$5,000. The item was tabled until the June meeting for Caress to get more estimates.

Caress presented the council with a proposal to replace the bridge that connects Hinman Park with the City ballfield on Magnolia. The current bridge needs to be lifted and the posts it sits on replaced, or replace the bridge altogether. The proposed new bridge would be wide enough to accommodate the lawn mower which would eliminate the need to drive on the highway to get to the ballfield to mow. DeGross moved and Koosmann seconded a motion to have Doornink Fabrication build a new bridge at a cost no greater than \$7,320. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Due to the Covid-19 health emergency and Safer-at-Home order, all municipal buildings, parks and playgrounds have been closed to the public since mid-March. Re-opening all spaces was briefly discussed with CT Rosenow being instructed to plan for opening the pool and holding swimming lessons this summer. Sandow moved and Unruh seconded a motion to open all spaces effective immediately. Voice vote carried.

At 8:20 p.m. DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Rosenow Clerk-Treasurer