

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Ketola, Lee, Peterson, Sandow and Unruh were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Chief Darwin, PW Director Caress, Fire Chief Holden, Attorney Lindquist, Library Director Rochel Karlson, Anna Mewis, Sara Hinz, Bonnie Pelikan, Joan Bartz, Tim Kusilek and Carlton DeWitt.

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

Unruh moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 Regular Council meeting and the July 7, 2021 Special meeting. Voice vote carried

Lee moved and Unruh seconded a motion to approve disbursements, excluding a bill from JB Hydro that should be charged to the property owner directly. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

In Public Comments, Bonnie Pelikan asked for follow-up on the questions she presented at the June meeting regarding issues she had in replacement of her sewer lateral. Mayor Larson put the matter into the Public Works committee to discuss further and present Pelikan with a resolution.

Unruh noted that the summer rec tournament went well and both the boys' and girls' programs would be wrapping up their seasons in the next week.

In the Library report, Director Karlson gave the council a summary of library activities, some of which included, 900 checkouts in June, updating their website to include progress on the new building, a picnic on August 2nd to close out the summer reading program and story and craft time will be starting soon.

In the Public Works report, Director Caress informed the council they are working on repairing a leaking water main on First St, having replaced 60' already and looking to do another 100'. Chip sealing will be happening yet this month and the State's street project on Hwy 170 is still ongoing.

A written Police report was submitted and Chief Darwin stated there were only a few minor complaints at the fair and the summer rec ball tournament at Hinman also went well from the department's perspective. The PD has been having service issues with their Verizon phones and air cards so they have tested First Net and have seen a great improvement, so will be switching the department over to their cell service.

Clerk-Treasurer Rosenow reported swimming lessons have started and will finish up in August.

In the Mayor's report, Larson informed the council he attended the Boyceville monthly EMS and Fire meeting, noting the staffing issues our ambulance service is having seems to be an issue all over. Larson reminded the council of the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for July 21st to meet with representatives of the townships regarding the ambulance situation.

In Old Business, Sara Hinz of Cedar Corp informed the council that there is some confusion on the removal of the overhead CenturyLink line from the Xcel Energy pole at the site of the new building. CenturyLink is requiring payment from the City to move the line and an easement to bury a new line under the parking lot of the new building before they will remove the line, which is holding up progress on the building. Hinz will do some more checking to see if she can find a resolution to the issue.

In New Business, Tim Kusilek of Nextgen Broadband reminded the council that the grant deadline they are applying for is the end of July and Nextgen is looking for a financial contribution commitment from the City. Kusilek stated they have partnered with the Village of Downing and Village of Boyceville already and those communities were committing \$3,000 and \$10,000 respectively. Peterson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve a \$10,000 partnership with Nextgen for broadband expansion within the City, payable upon receipt of state broadband grant by Nextgen. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Fire Chief Holden informed the council he and his department are in the midst of an audit for the department's insurance rating. The current rating is a 9 out of 10, with 10 being the lowest rating for non-hydranted customers. The department will be testing hydrant pressures on Friday and will be undergoing checks to the vehicles, the station and personnel on Saturday in hopes of dropping the rating to a 6 or 7.

Sandow moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve pay request #1 to Derrick Building Solutions LLC for \$75,716.90. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Peterson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve Amendment to Ordinance 2021-1 Requiring the Licensing of Chickens. Voice vote carried with Lee voting no.

Sandow explained that he'd been contacted by a resident whose neighbor on Blue Sky Drive has a number of bee hives and questioned whether the City had any ordinances regarding the keeping of bees. It was noted that there are no specific ordinances regarding the keeping of bees, however, the nuisance ordinance may come into play if a complaint is filed. So far there has been no formal complaint so there is no official record to document the bees as a nuisance.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve Temporary Class "B" license and Temporary Operator's license applications for Glenwood City Kickball Club for September 11, 2021; Rustic Lore Committee for September 10-12, 2021; Temporary Class "B" license for St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo/St. Croix County Fair, Inc. for August 20-21, 2021. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve an Operator's License application for Jacob W Traynor. Voice vote carried.

The council was reminded of the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the ambulance service on July 21st at 6:00 at the fire hall, a Public Safety committee meeting to do police interviews on July 27th at 5:00 at city hall, the 2020 audit report should be complete by the end of the week and we will need to work with the financial advisor from Ehler soon to put together a bond issue for the building project.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk-Treasurer