

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, Officer Sam McGrane, Library Director Rochel Karlson, Lynn McIntyre, Brock Geyen, Joel Powell and Carlton DeWitt.

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

Peterson moved and Ketola seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 Regular Council meeting. Voice vote carried. Unruh moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve and the July 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Voice vote carried

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

There were no Public Comments.

Unruh noted that the summer rec is having an end of season meeting on August 18th.

In the Library report, Director Karlson informed the council that the library had 350 visits in the month of July, there will be a St. Croix County Sheriff K-9 demonstration on September 9th and a fundraiser scheduled at the Rustic Lore family night September 10th.

In the Public Works report, Director Caress informed the council the State's street project on Hwy 170 is scheduled to be completed in early September, 180' of water main has been replaced on First St. with another 60' to do and chip sealing is done. Caress confirmed the public works department will take care of removing trash from Oak St. during Rustic Lore weekend and will also do some tree trimming on Oak St. by the Historical Society building as well as various spots on Maple and Pine streets.

A written Police report was submitted and Chief Darwin stated the department was having a lot of trouble with Verizon service for both their cell phones and the air cards they use in the squad, so he's recently changed to AT&T. Officer Sam McGrane introduced himself as the new full time officer and Chief Darwin commented that Sam is finishing up his training and will be sharing every other weekend with Officer Malean.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer's report.

There was no Mayor's report.

In Old Business, it was noted a decision will need to be made soon regarding the security camera system for the new building, as well as phone and computer systems. A special meeting is scheduled for August 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the municipal building to meet with Sean Lentz of Ehlers on financing for the new building and with Cedar Corporation regarding the potential of creating a TID for the old school property.

In New Business, the new owner of Leaker's Place, Joel Powell, asked the council for permission to extend his liquor license and rope off some parking spots in front of his building to hold a grand opening of the business. After discussion, Lee moved and Unruh seconded a motion to rope off the parking stalls the width of the building and extend the liquor license to allow outside consumption on August 28, 2021 from noon to 7:00 p.m. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Ketola seconded a motion to approve pay request #2 to Derrick Building Solutions LLC for \$306,925.05. Roll call votes showed all councilpersons voting yes.

DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04 Chicken Licensing Fee at \$25.00. Voice vote carried with Lee voting no.

Chief Darwin explained that time is of the essence on deciding on a camera for the interview system in the new building and stated the camera demonstration by Northland Business Solutions allows for a camera that is integrated into the current system used in the squads and body cameras. DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve the purchase of the camera from Northland Business Solutions for the police interview room. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve Temporary Class “B” license and Temporary Operator’s license applications for Glen Hills Lions Club for September 10-12, 2021 and Glenwood City FFA Alumni for September 11-12, 2021. Voice vote carried.

In presentation of operator’s license applications, Chief Darwin recommended denial of a license to Tania A Nelson due to incomplete application and results of background check. Peterson moved and Unruh seconded a motion to approve Operator’s License applications for Janine E Jeske, Nancy J Newman, Joseph M Schwartz and Jacklyn C Sheffield and denial of Tania A Nelson. Voice vote carried.

Brock Geyen of CliftonLarsonAllen gave the 2020 audit presentation. In part of the presentation Geyen recommended taking council action to renew rent terms on the fire hall to the fire and ambulance departments and also suggested a simplified rate case for water rate adjustment would be good financial decisions.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk-Treasurer