

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 and Sandow were present. Unruh was absent. Also present were CT Rosenow, Chief Darwin, PW Director Caress, Vickie Schmidt, Jeremie Hannah, Greg Adams and Carlton DeWitt. Anna Mewis arrived after the meeting started.

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

Lee moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular Council meeting. Voice vote carried.

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

There were no Public Comments.

There was no summer rec committee report.

Board member Vickie Schmidt gave the library report, stating they have a couple good candidates for the director's position, the Pepin library director is filling in on an interim basis 3 days/week and they are still looking for part time help. A joint meeting with the library board and city council was scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

In the Public Works report, Caress informed the council the highway project has started but the State won't be milling the street until June, they are removing things that have been stored in the old wellhouse, the pool is scheduled to be dredged out the first couple weeks of May and the bathrooms will be opened at the parks shortly. There were no applicants for the recycling center position that was advertised a few months ago, so it was decided to run the ad again in hopes of finding someone to apply for Saturday shifts.

A written Police report was submitted and Chief Darwin reported the PPE grant he'd applied for has been received, the seat repairs to the 2014 squad were complete however the air conditioning pump now needed repairs and the County is going live with the new mobile records system so the department has been spending a lot of time training.

In the Clerk-Treasurer report, Rosenow updated the council that the request for proposals for the Architect & Engineer contract for the safe room at the fairgrounds was going out and would need to be returned by May 14<sup>th</sup> at which time interviews will be set up to choose a firm to move forward with that project.

In the Mayor's report, Larson informed the council there was an upcoming appliance collection for the County in Woodville May 22<sup>nd</sup> and asked to have signs posted at the recycling center. Larson also reminded everyone the bid opening for the new municipal building is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. April 29<sup>th</sup> at city hall and stated the land transfer with Tyler Doornink should be completed soon.

There was no discussion in Old Business.

In New Business, Mayor Larson opened the public hearing to consider vacating and discontinuing the most easterly hundred feet of Elm St. This portion of Elm St. had been platted but never developed and Dave Caress approached the council last fall asking for them to consider vacating that portion of the street so he would be able to put in a driveway to connect land he owns to the existing street. Notices have been sent to the adjoining property owners and no comments were received. DeGross questioned why

requirements have changed on notification procedures from when Second St north of Cherry St was vacated several years ago. It was learned that the City had agreed to initiate the process and requirements have changed over the years. Sandow questioned why the City was not selling the land rather than giving it away and Greg Adams of Cedar Corp stated he did not think the City had a choice in the matter. With no other questions or any input from the public, Mayor Larson closed the public hearing.

Lee moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 Vacating a Portion of Elm Street, a Dedicated Public Street in the City of Glenwood City. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

Jeremie Hannah approached the council with a burn permit application, asking for three burns rather than one, which is the limit on burn permits. Hannah explained he has a large, open field with a large amount of brush to be burned and he felt it was safer to burn it in three smaller piles than one large pile. Fire Chief Holden had been consulted and was OK with the plan as long as Hannah was sure to make all appropriate notifications prior to each of the burns. DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve the application with three burns. Voice vote carried.

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

Mayor Larson handed out updated Standing Committee appointments, pointing out new Councilperson Randy Ketola would be the new representative on the library board. Larson also commented there were a couple library board positions that were expiring but no appointments would be made at this time. Library board member Craig Anderson indicated if there were another person willing to take his place on the board he would step down as his is one of the terms that is expiring. Peterson moved and Lee seconded the new appointments. Voice vote carried.

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

Peterson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve updated bylaws for Girls Rule Summer Softball. Voice vote carried.

Greg Adams informed the council there had been 9 bids submitted for tearing down the old school. Bids were opened April 19<sup>th</sup> and the low bid was from Albrightson Excavating, Inc. for \$232,610. Peterson moved and Sandow seconded a motion to award the bid to Albrightson. Voice vote carried.

Caress presented an estimate to repair rust on the 2012 Chevy truck. Estimate was to rust proof the wheel wells and install fender flares for \$731.50. It is estimated this will give another 3-4 years life to the truck bed. Peterson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to proceed with the repair. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the application for a Class "A" retail license for Landmark Services Cooperative. It was noted this was simply a company name change for the license already held by Cenex. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve an Operator's license application for Kate L Buchal. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to declare the antenna and mounting pole currently located at the community center as surplus property and to sell it by sealed bid. Voice vote carried.

The closure of city hall and future meeting locations were discussed. With covid restrictions loosening it was felt that city hall could be opened back up to in person traffic but may be too small for social distancing to hold regular council meetings. The fire hall was presented as an option for a meeting space and it was noted they city would work around fire and EMS meeting/training schedules. DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to re-open city hall and hold future meetings at the fire hall. Voice vote carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Shari Rosenow  
Clerk-Treasurer