

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the 14th day of September 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke. The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, Council Members Mary Bailey, and Dan Rehtzigel

Via Zoom: Tom Gard

Absent: Molly Ryan

Also, present: Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Engineer Derek Olinger, Attorney Joe Sathe, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Todd Greseth

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Goodhue County Commissioner, Todd Greseth, stopped to check in and let the Council know to contact him if they had any concerns. He saw the ARPA Funds resolution on the agenda and said he is trying to get more of these funds used on public safety.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Bailey to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Bailey second by Rehtzigel to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes hiring a part-time liquor store employee and payment of check numbers 72675 through 72781; 3783E through 3797E; and additional checks 72799 through 72815.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS

None

ENGINEERING

Red Wing Avenue Construction Update

Engineer Olinger stated that the bare spots along Red Wing Avenue were reseeded by the subcontractor in mid-September. A meeting is scheduled with Wencil prior to the October council meeting to discuss liquidated damages and closing out the project.

Business Park/Utility Extension Project Update

Engineer Olinger stated that the utility work along Highway 60 has been completed. A-1 has been addressing some miscellaneous repairs that should be completed by the October council meeting. The pay request amount was revised today due to the project being substantially complete.

Pay Request #7 – A-1 Excavating

Motion by Rehtzigel second by Ryan to approve pay request No. 7 to A-1 Excavating in the amount of \$121,869.26 for work completed through September 3rd. Motion carried 4-0-0.

FEMA Flood Repairs

Engineer Olinger stated that the project should start in late October or early November.

Crack Filling of Streets

Engineer Olinger stated that the contractor doing the street crack filling pushed the work out to the end of September. The work will take one to two days to complete.

LEGAL

No items.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Clerk Update

Administrator Vahlsing updated the Council on the retirement of Sue Dodds effective October 15. Interviews for her position were completed last week. The position has been offered to one of the candidates. The KMU Commission will make the final hiring approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-12: Adopting the 2022 Preliminary Budget & Levy

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the proposed budget and levy were reviewed at the Council work session on September 8. It was decided to set the maximum levy at 6.4%. The preliminary maximum levy certification resolution must be submitted to Goodhue County by the end of September. The final levy must be adopted by the end of December. The levy can be lowered between now and the end of the year, but it cannot be increased. Chief Sjoblom reported that the part-time officer hours and wages were increased in the budget. This would allow for more coverage on weekends and during “hot spots” during the week. Rehtzigel stated that he would like to see the levy increase of 6.4% decreased before the final levy is adopted in December.

Motion by Gard second by Bailey to adopt Resolution 2021-12 adopting the 2022 preliminary budget and levy, which is a maximum of 6.4%. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Motion by Henke second by Gard to recommend setting the Truth in Taxation meeting for December 7 at 6:30 pm. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Resolution 2021-13: In Support of Goodhue County ARPA Funds being Utilized for Fire Department, First Responder, and EMS Mobile and Portable Radio Purchases

Administrator Vahlsing stated that this resolution would request that Goodhue County use ARPA funds to purchase portable and mobile radios for area police, EMS, and fire departments. The Kenyon Fire Department radios are no longer supported for software updates and hardware repairs. New radios cost approximately \$5,000 each, which the City would need to replace, if the County doesn't cover this cost. Motion by Rehtzigel second by Gard to adopt Resolution 2021-13 in support of Goodhue County ARPA funds being utilized for fire department, first responder, and EMS mobile and portable radio purchases. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Security Cameras for Liquor Store

Administrator Vahlsing stated that there was discussion to upgrade the cameras in the liquor store after the May break-in. Quotes were received from WH Security to upgrade the cameras and DVR. There is money in the budget to cover this cost.

Motion by Bailey second by Rehtzigel to accept the quote from WH Security to upgrade the cameras and DVR in the liquor store. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Purchase of 2018 Ford Explorer Police SUV

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the police department needs to replace the 2014 Ford Explorer. Since there is currently a shortage of new police vehicles, a 2018 Ford Explorer was located that would meet the needs.

Motion by Henke second by Bailey to approve the purchase of the 2018 Ford Explorer police vehicle. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, September 21 @ 2:00 p.m.
Special City Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 22 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 12 @ 7 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Council member Bailey was excited to see that some changes were coming for the Kenyon Bar and Grill.

Wayne Ehrich noted that the “No Parking” signs around town are for the crack filling of the streets.

Chief Sjoblom stated they have some leads on selling the old squad vehicle.

Council member Rechtzigel stated that Rose Fest was a remarkable success and it was nice to see the community coming together. He also encouraged everyone to come out to the Historical Society’s Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 18 from 1-4 pm.

Mayor Henke stated that a Rose Fest follow-up meeting would be held tomorrow night at the VFW at 6:30 pm.

Administrator Vahlsing thanked everyone involved in the 911 remembrance last Saturday. It was a very moving tribute with a good turnout.

Motion by Bailey second by Rechtzigel to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant

Douglas Henke, Mayor