

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building & via Zoom teleconference with Mayor Gary Eide presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Kelli Bauman, Aldermen Carey Holt, Harry Mewherter, John Keimig, Jon Klockman & Dean Christensen. Also present were Christa Bittner, Don Ebbers, Ken Reiste, Todd Boyd, Lynn Bren, Abby Ruhd, Scott Mohror, Terrance Smith, Mike Schiefelbein, Carol Estebo, and Sheriff Cory Borg. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Klockman, seconded by Holt to approve the amended agenda adding the approval for Mayor Gary Eide to sign the SD Recreational Trails Program Application to consent agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Klockman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting March 9, 2020, Local Review Board Meeting March 16, 2020 & Special Meeting March 25, 2020; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending March 31, 2020; Sales Tax Subsidy of \$41,498.87 going to Deuel County Memorial Hospital; Building Permits: Approved: Melvin Maas, 603 6<sup>th</sup> St W – Breezeway, Dennis Whittle, 610 7<sup>th</sup> St W – wire fence & Patrick Robbins/Laurie Tegantvoort, 607 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Detached Garage & Concrete Slab. Delinquent Water Bills; Approval of Warrants; Van Diest 2020 Spring Mosquito Workshop, Wednesday, April 22, 2020, Aberdeen, SD – Darren attending; SD Governmental Human Resources School, June 9-10, 2020, Aberdeen, SD - Christa Attending; SD Governmental Finance Officer’s School, June 11-12, 2020, Aberdeen, SD – Christa Attending, and approval for Eide to sign RTP Application. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: CITY PAYROLL: Council 1812.61; Mayor 669.54; Finance Officer 1551.75; Gen Gov’t Building 959.57; Highway 3947.96; Snow 439.28; Rubble Site 11.59; Swimming Pool 147.72; Library 2103.40; Comm. Center 44.63; Water 2222.36; Sewer 2766.69; Aflac 140.01; Supplemental Ins SDRS 1625.00; Washington National 81.15; SD Retirement 2421.70; Health Pool of SD 6398.91; Delta Dental of SD 311.10; DNB-FICA/WH 4806.55; CITY VOUCHERS: Appera 101.38 rugs, AT&T 55.35 phones, Banner 17550.00, Bjerke Sant. 4984.11 garbage dues, Boyd Law 2312.00 legal dues, BDRWS 7865.60 water, Cengage Learning 407.37 books, CL Library 631.20 reimbursements, City of CL 295.15 March water, CL Building Center 389.92 supplies, CL Courier 1441.49 March publications, CL Fire Dept 20000.00 ½ dues, Climate Control 2853.32 dust control, Connecting Point 35.00 backup, Dakota Pump & Control 2003.44 sewer pump repairs, DC Auditor 5338.00 Police Contract, DCFU 97.90 supplies, DCMH 41498.87 Sales tax, First Bank & Trust 72.38 CC Supplies, HD Electric 367.23 March Electric, HD Elec Coop 613.31 repairs, ITC 566.02 internet, Mas Media 300.00 Q1 website fee, Maynard’s 31.78 supplies, MidAmerica Books 77.80 books, Milbank Winwater Works 350.20 supplies, Menards 11.89, Northwestern Energy 695.52 nat gas, Ottertail 4035.60 power, P Ruby 80.50 Mileage 3/6, SD DOR 358.13 Mar Sales tax, SD Unemployment Insur. 182.92 Q1 insurance, SD Gov’t FO Assn. 75.00 FO school, SD Gov’t HR Assn. 50.00 HR School, US Bank CM9695 11716.19 Q2 Sewer SRF payment, USDA 6107.00 April loan payment, Weathergard 4059.60 roof repair, Williams Carpet 1895.84 FO carpet.

No one appeared for public voice.

The two hay land cash rental bids were reviewed and the council decided to accept the bid from T. Smith. Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mewherter to accept the bid from T. Smith. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Mike Schiefelbein, representing the American Legion, called in to propose a new light for the flag at Ulven Park, along with a new LED light on the picnic shelter. The Legion will cover majority of the costs, with the city only paying around \$85. Motion by Christensen, seconded by Klockman to approve the proposed park projects. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Carol Estebo called in to explain a county and city tax issue. Upon discussion about the property it was decided to table this issue and get more information. Motion by Mewherter to table, seconded by Klockman. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Cory Borg explained the sheriff's department plans for the Crystal Springs Rodeo stating he doesn't think we need to hire one FT deputy for the weekend. Cory and his staff will work 12 hour shifts, overlapping on a few busy hours, with available reserves, if needed.

Lynn Bren, of SDPAA Insurance and Abby Ruhd explained the insurance pool that the city of Clear Lake is currently registered with. Lynn pointed out that in 2016 that was the first year of them covering city property, which is why the price increased so much between 2015 & 2016. She also explained that their main focus was mitigating risk, not just paying claims.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> St Project bids were reviewed and the recommendation from Banner Engineering is to accept the bid from J & J Earth Works, Inc. for \$491,530.16. Motion by Keimig, seconded by Holt to accept the bid from J & J Earth Works, Inc, contingent upon SDDOT concurrence. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

The First Reading of Ordinance No. 585, an Ordinance Regarding COVID-19 was completed.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Holt to approve 2019 Library Annual Report. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Keimig to approve 2019 City Annual Report. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Klockman to prepay Climate Control for the dust control application in order to take advantage of the 4% discount. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to approve changes on City of Clear Lake Street Dept. Equipment Rates, breaking out separate rates for skid loader. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

City Superintendent, Don Ebbers, presented new camping rates discussed in the facilities & equipment committee meeting. Full hook up sites will be \$25, water and electric sites will be \$20, and designated tent spots will be \$15. If anyone sets up a tent in an RV spot, they will be charged \$20 & if any camper stays longer than 14 days, they will receive a \$2 discount for all nights of their stay. Motion by Christensen, seconded by Holt to approve the new camping rates. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

To promote camping at City Park and Ulven Park, the Mayor and City staff would like to give away “pay for one night get one night free” coupons again for 2020. Motion by Klockman, seconded by Mewherter to give away up to 50 coupons for the 2020 camping season. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

A proposed donation for a concrete bench, in memory of John M Corothers Clean Water Foundation of SD Lakes and Streams was discussed. Motion by Klockman, seconded by Keimig to accept the donation, contingent on the donators not needing any materials from the city. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Todd Boyd discussed the operating insurance for CL Sports Page Inc and their request to suspend their operating insurance until they reopen in September. Motion by Christensen, seconded by Mewherter to waive the operating insurance until September. Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Klockman, seconded by Holt to approve the Automatic Supplemental Budget Request to General Fund for \$12,673.90 – FEMA 2019 Snow Storm into; Snow supplies (101-431.7-426.11). Upon roll-call vote the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes; Christensen-yes; Holt-yes; Klockman-yes; Keimig-yes, Mewherter-yes. Motion carried.

City Superintendent mentioned our need to close the park playgrounds and restrooms until COVID-19 virus hazard goes down. He mentioned we need more part time help to work at the rubble site. Also, when the camping spots are able to be used, only the long-term campers will be allowed in the parks at this time. More discussion will be held at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Attorney, Todd Boyd, was happy to see the Q1 sales tax stats up this year and also commented that the HRC apartments have officially been sold and no longer handled by the city of Clear Lake.

Alderman, Christensen mentioned that Northwestern Energy has a \$5000 work force grant that we may want to look into.

City Finance Officer, Christa Bittner, stated Governor Noem declaring April 10<sup>th</sup> & April 13<sup>th</sup> as a holiday, the city office and library will be closed. Christa also mentioned a resident inquired about payment plans on water bills due to hours being cut at work and also mentioned the need to hire another part time employee at the rubble site. Don is able to hire a new employee.

There being no further business, motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to adjourn at 8:37 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Christa Bittner  
Finance Officer

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