

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Gary Eide presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Kelli Bauman, Rose Mills, & Lisa Lundberg, Aldermen Carey Holt, Harry Mewherter, & John Keimig. Also present were Christa Bittner, Don Ebbers, Todd Boyd, Nancy Barondeau, Gary Carlson, Roberta Giesel, Laurie Robbins, Patrick Robbins, and Andrew Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Mills, seconded by Holt to approve the agenda with the following changes: “amending” to replace “adjusting” wording on Ordinance #591 line item & the addition of Don Ebbers attending the FEMA Mitigation Plan meeting on December 15th, 2020. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mewherter to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting November 9, 2020; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending November 30, 2020; Sales Tax Subsidy of \$16,003.64 going to Deuel County Memorial Hospital; Building Permits: Approved: Matt Lawrence – 613 8th Ave S – chain link fence & Fred Marquardt – 711 5th Ave S – storage shed. Delinquent Water Bills; Approval of Warrants; Approvals of permits are subject to the condition that they are in accordance with all building codes and ordinances of the City. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL Council 990.00; Mayor 275.00; Finance 3750.00; Gen Gov’t Building 326.84; Highway 6441.11; Snow 267.19; Rubble Site 650.64; Park & Rec 499.84; Library 2426.50; Community Center 54.00; Water 3610.53; Sewer 2522.73; Aflac 140.01 Supplemental Ins; Washington National 81.15 Cancer Ins; SD Retirement 2328.96; Health Pool of SD 6398.91; Delta Dental of SD 311.10; DNB-FICA/WH 4248.51; EXPENSES Appears 101.53 towels & rugs, Avera OCC Medicine 95.55 lab tests, CL Baseball Assoc. 3000.00 Budgeted reimb., Connecting Point 3838.00 FO laptops CARES ACT, D & L Digging 3366.00 water leaks, DC Motor Supply 326.89 street supplies, Display Sales Company 233.00 Christmas light bulbs, Dream Chaser Trucking LLC 1012.00 road salt, Florals and Finds, LLC 41.54 plant, Heinemann Restoration Inc 14700.00 govt bldg. tuckpointing, Lyle Signs Inc 221.76 street signs, SD Dept of Health 30.00 water testing, Scott Engineering Company 3620.00 curb & gutter surveying, Steve Rhody Services 38.00 window washing, American Engineering Testing 1500.00 Asbestos Inspection, AT&T 55.82 cell phone, Bjerke Sanitation 4901.67 Nov garbage, Boyd Law Firm 1955.75 legal fees, BRDRWS 8424.40 bulk water, Cengage Learning 110.66 books, CL City Library 714.51 library reimb., City of Clear Lake 304.22 city water use, CL Building Center 131.35 Nov supplies, CL Courier 528.51 Nov publications, CL Chamber of Commerce 550.00 Employee x-mas bucks, Connecting Point 542.10 install services & offsite backup, DADi 2500.00 Q4 2020 funding, DC Auditor 5338.00 Police contract, DC Farmers Union Oil 897.18 Nov supplies, DCMH 16003.64 Sales tax subsidy, Demco 117.47 library supplies, First Bank & Trust 117.77 FO supplies, H-D Elect Coop, Inc. 208.75 Nov Electric, Heiman fire Equip. Inc 36.00 recharge service, Independent Living Aids, LLC 221.45 library supplies, ITC 448.98 internet & phones, L. Severson 50.00 WM Dep. Refund, Mas Media Inc. 300.00 Q4 Maint. Fee, Milbank Winwater Works 64.54 adapters, Northwestern Energy 393.69 Natural gas, Ottertail Power Co 3579.44 Nov power, Purchase Power 62.79 Postage fees, Pomp’s Tire Service, Inc. 186.00 dump tire repair, Ron’s Saw Shop 24.65 chainsaw repair, SD State Treasurer (SD DOR) 353.91 Nov. Sales tax, SD State Treasurer 153.85 Unclaimed water meter dep., Terry Kelly 1220.00 pool winterization, US Bank 6837.30 Water loan payment, USDA 6107.00 sewer loan payment, Winsupply Comm. Charge 24.12 govt bldg. repair.

No one appeared for public voice.

A public hearing was held for Humble Pig Smokery who applied for a Malt Liquor & SD Wine License. Motion by Holt, seconded by Bauman to approve the new license. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Joan Sacrison, with Deuel Area Development Inc, was not able to attend.

Gary Carlson & Nancy Barondeau were present for a public hearing that was held for Maynard's of Clear Lake who applied for an Off Sale Liquor License. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to approve the license. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Roberta Giesel was present to discuss the vacated streets proposal near her property. The 277 ft of Prospect Ave was able to be vacated at the time. Motion by Keimig, seconded by Lundberg to approve vacating Prospect Ave. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Andrew Johnson and Laurie Robbins were present to discuss an incident at the Community Center this summer. The community center deposit will be returned to Laurie once full payment of the repair invoice is received from Andrew. Lift rental invoice was also waived.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to authorize Mayor Eide to sign the 2021 Law Enforcement Contract for \$64,981.80. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to pay Roberta Giesel in the amount of \$1,804.02 for the city's half of the fence install adjacent to her property. This is subject to Mrs. Giesel paying the building permit fees with the city. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance # 590 Supplementing Appropriations was read. Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mills to approve the ordinance. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-13 was read, regarding vacated streets. Changes were made to only reflect Prospect Avenue. Motion by Mills, seconded by Lundberg to approve Resolution 2020-13, with the changes. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The City received notice from Brookings-Deuel Rural Water that they will be increasing water rates in February 2021. The tap fee will remain \$1,545.00 and the water rate will increase from \$2.20 to \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons. Motion by Keimig, seconded by Holt to approve the increase and to have the City Services Committee review the city charges. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Todd Boyd, explained penalty fee vs interest charges on utility bills. This was tabled until the Dec. 30th meeting; the City Services Committee will hold a meeting to review options.

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Mills for the approval to send \$153.85 of uncashed meter deposit checks to SD Unclaimed Property. Upon roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to authorize the Automatic Supplemental Budget Request to the General Fund for the amounts of \$295,779.60 & \$44,220.40 going into Hwy & Street Improvements (101-431.2-433.00) from the Community Access Project Grant. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mills to authorize the Automatic Supplemental Budget Request to the Automatic Supplemental Budget Request to General Fund for \$3,838.00 & 2,675.53 – CARES Act Reimbursement into Hwy & Street Salary (101-431.2-411=\$2,343.43), Finance Repair (101-414.2-425=\$332.10) & Finance Equipment (101-414.2-434.60- \$3,838.00). Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance #591, amending 4-2-1 was read.

City Superintendent, Don Ebbers had no comments.

City Attorney, Todd Boyd, gave updates on an ongoing court case. He also commented on the building teardown on main street.

City Finance Officer, Christa Bittner, informed the council that we received the \$3,750 housing study grant and this will begin in early January 2021. She also stated we received 143 free rubble passes this year, compared to 132 in 2019.

No comments from the Mayor or Council members.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Bauman to adjourn as regular council and enter into Executive Session at 7:38 PM for personnel and legal counsel. All voted yes.

Mayor Eide declared the Council out of Executive Session at 9:11 PM.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Keimig to accept the recommendation of the personnel committee for the public works employee. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Keimig seconded by Mills to pay \$4,800 in compensation to Mayor Eide. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Holt, seconded by Mewherter to adjourn at 9:21 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Christa Bittner
Finance Officer

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