

The Clear Lake City Council met in special session on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Gary Eide presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Kelli Bauman, Lisa Lundberg, & Rose Mack (via telephone), Aldermen Carey Holt, Harry Mewherter, & John Keimig. Also present were Christa Bittner & Brandon Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mewherter to approve the agenda. Upon roll-call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Keimig to approve the consent agenda as follows; Sales Tax Subsidy of \$12,274.89 going to Deuel County Memorial Hospital; Building Permits: Approved: Steven Wallert – 203 7th Ave S – curb & gutter; Approval of Warrants; Annual Safety Training Classes – January 25th & 26th, 2022 in Watertown – Brandon, Darren, Mike, AJ & Taylor attending. 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 aye. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: EXPENSES: Div. of Criminal Investigation 43.25 background check, Appera 120.10 towels & rugs, B. DeBaere 819.00 curb & gutter rembrsmt, Banner Associates 9666.20 Ind Dev Land & Strt/swr project, D. Barondeau 22.35 Impact adaptor, Susan Yexley Jennen 492.56 Econ Dev Group Articles & Corp, Boyd Law Firm 342.00 Dec fees, C. Evenson 650.00 curb & gutter reimbrsmnt, CL City Library 748.30 book reimbrsmnt, City of CL 10.00 wtr mtr dep payment, CL Senior Citizens 150.00 2021 funding, Dakota Pump & Control 234.69 lift station pump inspection, SD DANR 1500.00 NPDES city dues, Deuel Co Motor Supply 154.81 Dec supplies, DCMH 12274.89 Sales tax subsidy, HD Electric 37.98 plug at sewer lift station, ITC 697.50 new phone system, Lands' End 399.44 clothing order, V. Lundquist 63.90 May-Dec mileage, Magnolia Journal 30.00 2 yr subscription, Mas Media 300.00 Q4 Maint Fee, MidAmerica Books 340.57 library books, Ottertail Power Co 3456.81 Nov Power, Penworthy Company 170.87 library books, Pitney Bowes Rental & Supplies 9.50 postage machine rental, Pomp's Tire Service 1664.95 foam for tires, SD Dept. of Health 30.00 Water samples, SDARWS 500.00 water line scope, Steve Rhody Services 38.00 window washing, Bernie's Body & Glass 1756.85 VW truck repair, Todd's Farm Hydraulics LLC 391.57 Ford drag link, Wheelco Truck & Trailer Parts 18.17 air compressor supplies.

No one appeared for public voice.

No one representing Humble Pig Smokery was present, but the idea of allowing them to have the last on-sale liquor license was discussed. Motion by Bauman, seconded by Keimig to allow Humble Pig Smokery to apply for the license, contingent on Melvee's not renewing it in 2022 & all documents returned to the city, along with license fee being paid. Upon roll-call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance # 612 Amending Ordinance 8-1-11 Sewer Rates was read. Discussion was held on the increase being too high this year. Motion by Mack, seconded by Mewherter to approve a 7% increase on sewer rates; making it \$48.15 starting in early 2022. Upon roll-call vote, the following votes were cast; Holt-yes, Mack-yes, Mewherter-yes, Lundberg-yes, Bauman-yes, Keimig-no. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance # 613 Amending Ordinance 8-2-23 Water Rates was read. Discussion was also held on the increase being too high. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Mack to approve a 7% increase on the base rate, making it \$21.40 and a .25 cent increase per 1,000 gallons,

making it \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons. Upon roll-call vote, the following votes were cast; Holt-yes, Mack-yes, Mewherter-yes, Lundberg-yes, Bauman-yes, Keimig-no. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the United Methodist Parsonage curb & gutter reimbursement. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Lundberg to approve paying the reimbursement. Upon roll-call vote, the following votes were cast; Holt-no, Mack-yes, Mewherter-yes, Lundberg-yes, Bauman-yes, Keimig-no. Motion carried.

Snow removal was discussed. Business districts (main street) will be plowed first after a significant snow fall, next would be the area around the school and finally the residential areas. If snow has accumulated in the late afternoon/night time snow removal will begin at 3:00 AM for businesses. Once again, this year, the city will not be cleaning up businesses who pile snow anywhere on their property or within the city streets. Businesses are responsible for hiring their own snow removal companies to move the snow and not just push it into the streets. Those businesses that are causing safety issues for piling snow will receive letters and potential fines.

City Superintendent commented on removing snow after high winds caused drifts in the residential areas and the council said to use his best judgement when deciding to remove snow or not.

There were no comments from the Finance Officer, Mayor, or Council Members.

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Keimig to enter into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Personnel Matters & Legal Counsel for contractual matters at 5:58 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Gary Eide declared the Council out of Executive Session at 6:17 PM.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to accept the personnel committee's recommendation of the new public works employee, Taylor Mack, starting him at \$17.50 per hour, with a 50 cent raise once he receives his CDL. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes, with Mack abstaining. Motion carried.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to accept the resignation from Christa Bittner, Finance Officer, effective January 14th, 2022. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Mewherter to start advertising for the Finance Officer position as soon as possible in all forms of advertising. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Keimig, seconded by Mewherter to adjourn at 6:20 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Christa Bittner
Finance Officer

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