

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Lisa Lundberg presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Ramona Drake and Amy Bjerke, Aldermen Rod Pauli, Jamie Hintz, Harry Mewherter and Jonas Reppe. Also present were Mary Krueger, Todd Boyd, Elliott Furman, Val Lundquist, Heather Mahon, Daryl Root, Danay Nielsen, Josh and Rylynn Streich, Dan and Denise Garvey, Mike and Jenna Wadzink, Sara Pankonin, Landen Buse, Derek Benck, Travis VanHofwegen, Cody Eastman, Don Cassels, Christa Bittner, and Matt Stormo. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and then called to order by Mayor Lundberg.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Drake to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hintz, seconded Drake to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting March 10, 2025 and Special Meeting Local Review Board March 17, 2025; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending March 31, 2025; Building Permits: Approved: Katelyn Miell – 508 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S – Fence, Vernon Kase Jr. – 206 9<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Handicap Metal Ramp, Robyn Frease – 605 6<sup>th</sup> Ave S – Deck with Pergola. Demolition Permits: Approved: Mary Krueger – 401 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S – Old Garage/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 aye. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL: Council 1500.00; Mayor 425.00; Finance 5200.25; Gen Gov't Building 367.50; Building Inspector 200.00; Streets 5883.90; Snow 475.19; Rubble Site 48.94; Parks 1290.06; Library 4379.88; Community Center 3551.98; Water 4634.89; Sewer 4189.11; Aflac 244.66; SD Retirement 2999.36; Optilegra 46.51; Health Pool of SD 6752.44; Delta Dental of SD 315.00; Sioux Valley FCU 200.00; Dnb-Fica/Wh 7117.67. EXPENSES: A&B Business Solutions 192.37 Copier Contract, Appera 134.23 Janitorial Services, Banner Associates, Inc 74620.00 Water And Sewer Projects +, Bjerke Sanitation 6359.81 Sanitation Services, Bobcat Of Brookings 6500.00 Bobcat, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 2092.50 Legal Fees, Brookings-Deuel Rws 9164.00 Water Tap Fee And Purchase, Clear Lake City Library 1536.85 Books And Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 670.02 Water And Sewer Utilities, Clear Lake Building Center 1642.01 Supplies And Maintenance, Clear Lake Courier 2169.46 Publishing, Clear Lake Fire Dept 22000.00 Semi Annual Funding, Clear Lake Area Dev. Inc. 17500.00 Quarterly Funding, Connecting Point 489.00 It Backup Services, D & L Digging 2250.00 Water Leak, Deuel County Republicans 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Deuel County Sheriff 6357.16 Law Enforcement Contract, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 898.81 Misc Supplies, Dk Diesel Injection 401.01 Repairs, Equipment Blades Inc. 1028.00 Snow Supplies, First Bank & Trust 1325.55 Credit Card Charges, Fritz Chevy-Olds 64.72 Maintenance And Repairs, Glacial Lakes Radiator 72.50 Snow Repairs, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 146.00 Electric Energy, H-D Elec Coop, Inc. 274.03 Repairs, Innovative Office Solutions 784.64 Billing Supplies, Itc Telecom 527.68 Telephone And Internet, Maynard's Food 9.99 Supplies, Menards 14.98 Supplies, Milbank Winwater Works 1077.87 Water Supplies, Northwestern Energy 1142.93 Natural Gas Energy, Ottertail Power Co 4566.99 Electric Energy, Amanda Peterson 109.15 Meter Deposit Refund, Sd Department Of Health 30.00 Water Testing, Runnings Farm And Fleet 139.00 Supplies, South Dakota One Call 15.68 Locates, Sd State Treasurer (Sd Dor) 1525.33 Sales Tax Due To State, Sd Unemployment Insurance 150.11 Unemployment Insurance, Steve Rhody Services 50.00 Window Washing Services, CI Swimming Pool Petty Cash 100.00 Petty

Cash, Team Laboratory Chemical, Llc 3677.50 Sewer Supplies, Transource Truck & Equip, Inc. 79.99 Supplies, Dean Or Rebecca Unzen 400.00 Comm Center Deposit Refund, Upframe Creative 375.00 Website Maintenance, Us Bank Trust-Spa Lkbox Cm9695 11716.19 Sewer Srf Loan, United States Dept Of Ag 6107.00 Sewer Usda Loan, Van Diest Supply Company 1768.00 West Nile Supplies.

No one present at the meeting was for public voice.

In unfinished business, the second reading of Ordinance No. 645, an Ordinance Regarding Mobile Food Vendors/Special Event Merchants Applications was held.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Bjerke to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 645, an Ordinance Regarding Mobile Food Vendors/Special Event Merchants Applications. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 646, an Ordinance Regarding Parking of Motor Vehicles during Snow Removal was held.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Reppe to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 646, an Ordinance Regarding Parking of Motor Vehicles during Snow Removal. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 647, an Ordinance Regarding Garbage and Refuse was held.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 647, an Ordinance Regarding Garbage and Refuse. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 648, an Ordinance Regarding Rodents and Junk was held.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Bjerke to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 648, an Ordinance Regarding Rodents and Junk. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 649, an Ordinance Regarding How to Abate Nuisances was held. Discussion was held about the Ordinance.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Mewherter to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 649, an Ordinance Regarding How to Abate Nuisances. Discussion was held.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Drake to amend the motion to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 649 to be held at the end of the meeting. Upon roll call vote, Bjerke-no, Drake-yes, Hintz-yes, Mewherter-yes, Pauli-yes, Reppe-yes. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 650, an Ordinance Regarding General Code Provisions and Civil Penalties was held.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Hintz to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 650, an Ordinance Regarding General Code Provisions and Civil Penalties. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

In further unfinished business, certification pay for public works employees was discussed. It was decided to refer this matter to the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Pauli to convene as Board of Adjustment. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held to Amend a Conditional Use Permit for Josh Streich of Clear Lake for his campground located in Anderson Addition et al. The amendment would allow accessory buildings for storage for his campground in R2L. Streich was present for the hearing as well as opponents Mike and Jenna Wadzink and Dan and Denise Garvey who are bordering

property owners. Wadzinks wanted more information. Garvey stated he doesn't think a shipping container is appropriate for that area and will reduce the property values of neighboring properties. Garveys were adamantly against it. Wadzinks had concerns with campers going through their property to get to the campground. There was much discussion regarding placement of the container and the aesthetics of the neighborhood. Questions were answered by Zoning Officer Lundquist as well as Council members. Discussion continued between all parties. Council decided because it is to be a new container, and several meetings have occurred with similar discussions, they would allow for this conditional use permit amendment on a time frame.

Motion by Pauli as Board of Adjustment to approve the amendment of the conditional use permit to allow for an accessory building for storage at the campground located in Anderson Addition et al in R2L. Wadzinks commented on changes in the motion. Pauli added the amendment to the conditional use permit to allow the accessory building would be for two years and then it needs to come back to Council for review. The motion was seconded by Drake. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Christa Bittner was present for a variance requested on property located at 709 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S for an addition to a garage. No one was present for opposition. The variance was requested due to being over setbacks in the R1, but the garage addition lines up with the other garage.

Motion by Drake as Board of Adjustment, seconded by Hintz to approve the variance for a garage addition for a property located at 709 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Drake to adjourn as Board of Adjustment and reconvene as regular Council. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Library Directory, Heather Mahon met with the Council about several topics.

Mahon explained the new Book Review Policy and a Book Waiver Form for the Clear Lake Public Library in light of HB1239 passed by the State. There are now clear steps to take to review books in the Library that some may find as unsuitable material. The policy set forth by the Library Board helps deter court proceedings.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Bjerke to approve the Book Review Policy and Book Waiver Form as presented by the Clear Lake City Library. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Mahon went on to present her annual report. Motion by Hintz, seconded by Mewherter to approve the 2024 annual report for the Clear Lake City Library. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Library is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce for the 2025 Farmer's Market. The market will be changed to Thursdays from 5pm-8pm starting June 12, 2025. The Chamber will be handling all the publicity.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to approve the Farmers Market to use the City Lot across from the Municipal Building for use Thursday nights starting June 12, 2025 throughout the summer. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Deuel Area Baseball Association board members Derek Benck, Travis VanHofwegen, Cody Eastman, and Don Cassels, along with Summer Rec Coordinator Danay Nielsen met with Council about their plans for baseball in Clear Lake. They are working closely with Summer Rec as Summer Rec coaches all ages up through 12U. The Board members feel there is often a

disconnect as the kids move from 12U to 14U and want to make that transition easier. DC Field has always been used by this Association every year consecutively for decades until Covid. The last year's season was coordinated with Nielsen and coaches under Summer Rec for both 14U and 16U. All the fees collected for those two older groups went towards supporting those two teams. Deuel Area Baseball Association is in the process of applying for grants to support their vision for baseball. They expanded on this to the Council. Don Cassels spoke about an equipment inventory this spring. City Attorney Todd Boyd asked Cassels to make a proper list of items to determine what the City owns for equipment. Discussion was held on related issues. The board members of the Association concluded stating they want to see a good future for baseball and the kids that enjoy the sport in Clear Lake.

Banner Engineering representatives Sara Pankonin and Landen Buse presented a 90% Design of the Phase I Water and Storm Sewer Project for the City of Clear Lake. Plan completion is scheduled for around April 25<sup>th</sup> with a bid opening sometime in May.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Reppe to approve advertising for bids for the Phase I and Storm Sewer Project for the City of Clear Lake contingent upon DANR approval. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Landowners have been contacted about easements and maps of easements were presented to Council. Storm sewer modifications and other details were discussed with Council. City officials answered some specific questions regarding the plan. The project schedule was also discussed.

The Planning Committee presented their report regarding the Clear Lake Swimming Pool. The technical evaluation was reviewed. There are several items that need repairing or updating for both pools. The main focus of the Committee was to keep the baby pool open this year, and to repair what is of most importance for the main pool. City staff will be working on several items for both pools. Finance Officer Krueger is seeking other quotes for the urgent needs of both pools. Krueger explained to Council the LWCF (Land, Water, Conservation Funding) Grant is available with a deadline to apply by April 25<sup>th</sup>. This grant would cover 50% of the costs associated with upgrading items on the pool.

The reading of Resolution 2025-7 LWCF Grant was held.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Drake to approve Resolution 2025-7 LWCF Grant. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to approve the building permit for Jordan and Christa Bittner of 709 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S for an addition to existing garage. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The first reading of Ordinance #651, An Ordinance Regarding City Council Meeting Times was held.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Bjerke to take out a new CD with DNB Bank in the amount of \$100,000.00 at a rate of 4.0% for one year. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The reading of Resolution 2025-6 was held.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Reppe to approve Resolution 2025-6. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Elliott Furman, Public Works Superintendent presented the RFPs (Request for Proposals) he has received from three different vendors for new water meters and meter reading systems for the City of Clear Lake.

Core and Main of Sioux Falls, SD proposed Sensus meter pricing at \$102,394.00 plus \$104,115.00 for radios and \$2525.00 for a handheld reader and some additional costs totaling \$223,343.83 for a drive-by system. A Radio Fixed Network came to a total of \$298,230.08 with annual fees additional thereafter.

Metering and Technology of Canton, SD proposed Badger meter pricing at \$143,336.00 plus \$99,382.50 for LTE radios and \$9065.70 for the reader for a total of \$251,784.20 with annual fees additional.

Winwater of Milbank, SD proposed Mueller meter pricing at \$95,804.32 plus \$59,687.50 for radios and \$8876.67 for the reader for a total of \$164,357.00. Remote disconnect meters include their own radio totaling \$2815.86 for a total of \$167,174.35 with annual fees additional. Winwater with Mueller meters met all the specifications set forth in the requests for proposal.

Discussion was held with Council asking for examples of other cities using any of these meters. Furman gave his research. Further discussion followed after many questions by Council.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Hintz to accept the proposal from Winwater of Milbank, SD for a Mueller Water meter system with meters and readers for a total of \$167,174.35 with city employees performing the installation of the meters for the City of Clear Lake. Upon roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

No further comments from Public Works Superintendent Furman other than comments on the Phase I Water Plan.

No comments from City Attorney Todd Boyd.

Zoning Official Lundquist requested the Council to review a building permit for an addition located at 108 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N. Even though the addition falls within the rules of the ordinance, she feels it doesn't conform to the house. After discussion, the Council advised it is appropriate for the property owner to give a drawing of a visual of the plan for his project and advised Lundquist to pursue that avenue.

Finance Officer Krueger informed the Council that funding for mosquito control and fighting West Nile will no longer be available due to State budget cuts. State officials do not see funding coming back in the future.

Krueger mentioned the sound system needs to be updated at the Community Center, especially the microphone and asked Council members if they'd be willing to look at it and give their advice. Alderman Reppe volunteered to look at the sound system/microphone at the Community Center.

Krueger updated the Council on the progress of the Lead Service Lines Regulations. The City needs to continue to update the inventory of lead service lines within the City. This will involve an exhaustive investigation on lines on the City side as well as cooperation with residents for lines on the residential side. The Federal EPA is requiring all lead lines to be replaced within 10 years. Funding for this is at a minimum.

Alderwoman Drake questioned unlicensed/licensed vehicles sitting in town.

Alderman Reppe complimented City staff on the Community Center floor improvement.

No other comments from the Mayor or any other Council members.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Reppe to move into executive session at 8:43 PM for legal counsel and contractual matters. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Lundberg declared the Council out of executive session at 9:22 PM.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Mewherter to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 649, an Ordinance Regarding How to Abate Nuisances. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Bjerke, seconded by Drake to adjourn at 9:24 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Krueger  
Finance Officer

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