

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY APRIL 13, 2023  
5:30 P.M.  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

MAYOR STROM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: TOBY STROM, JORDAN GUNUFSON, BETH HAGEN, LUKE BURD AND LUKE SYVERSON.

MELISSA FINSETH – CLERK/TREASURER

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN - LICENSED ASSISTED LIVING DIRECTOR FOR POPLAR MEADOWS OF MCINTOSH

GUESTS: DAVID ERICKSON JR., MARK SIMONSON, BROOK SIMONSON, MARY GOODWIN, DENISE STARK, AND VIRGIL LERFALD

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:**

QUORUM WAS MET.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

- d. COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGE – MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER
- e. GAMBLING LICENSE

MOTION BY JORDAN GUNUFSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA ADDITIONS. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. MARCH 9, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY JORDAN GUNUFSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

- b. MARCH 9, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

MARY GOODWIN WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO INQUIRE ABOUT SEVERAL ITEMS, SUCH AS WHAT THE CITY IS DOING ABOUT BLIGHTED PROPERTIES, DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE, THE COMMUNITY CENTER CLOCK DONATED BY THE VFW, THE MAYOR'S SALARY, AND WHAT ACTIVITIES THE CITY IS PLANNING TO DRAW PEOPLE TO MCINTOSH. MAYOR STROM RESPONDED THAT THE CITY HAS WRITTEN LETTERS, TO PROPERTY OWNERS, ABOUT "JUNK" IN THE YARDS, BUT MOST CORRESPONDENCES END UP BEING IGNORED. LETTERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE SENT TO BLIGHTED PROPERTIES.

DOGS AND CATS RUNNING AT LARGE IS VERY MUCH THE SAME AS BLIGHTED PROPERTY. LETTERS ARE SENT OUT BUT ARE LARGELY IGNORED. THE CITY ASKS ALL MCINTOSH RESIDENTS TO WORK TOGETHER TO COMBAT THIS PROBLEM. CALL THE CITY CLERK WITH TIMES, DATES AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE ANIMAL RUNNING LOOSE.

THE CLOCK THAT WAS DONATED BY THE VFW AND HUNG OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTER WAS FOUND TO BE IN TOO POOR CONDITION TO KEEP. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO REPLACE IT AT THIS TIME.

A RUMOR HAS BEEN CIRCULATING THAT MAYOR STROM EARNS \$2,000.00 PER MONTH. TO CLARIFY, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ARE PAID ANNUALLY, NOT MONTHLY. MAYOR AND COUNCIL WAGES ARE \$200.00 AND \$125.00, PER MEETING, RESPECTIVELY.

AS FAR AS CITY-FUNDED ACTIVITIES TO DRAW PEOPLE INTO MCINTOSH, THE CITY PARTNERS WITH THE COMMUNITY CLUB AND BUSINESSES FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

**MEDA AND POPLAR MEADOWS :**

a. RENTAL STATUS

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN REPORTED THAT POPLAR MEADOWS CURRENTLY HAS THREE – ONE BEDROOM APARTMENTS AND TWO – TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS AVAILABLE, BUT NOT FOR LONG AS DEPOSITS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HOLD FOUR OF THE FIVE ROOMS.

b. APPROVE POPLAR MEADOWS MONTHLY BILLS

MOTION BY JORDAN GUNUFSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,765.76. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

c. DEBT PAYMENT

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO APPROVE A \$5,000.00 DEBT PAYMENT. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. WATER TOWER

MELISSA FINSETH INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT SHE AND PETER TRANBY – PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, ATTENDED A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FINAL PREPARATIONS AHEAD OF THE WATER TOWER PROJECT. TANKSCO, INC., WHO WAS AWARDED THE BID, PLANS TO START THE CONTAINMENT PROCESS ON APRIL 26, 2023, WITH THE INTENT TO BEGIN WORK MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>.

b. CHICKENS

DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 9, 2023, MAYOR STROM SAID THE COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON ALLOWING CHICKENS IN TOWN. EACH COUNCIL MEMBER WAS ASKED TO STATE THEIR VOTE, EITHER WITH A YES OR NO, ON THE ISSUE OF ALLOWING CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS ON PROPERTY LESS THAN TEN ACRES. THE VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

BETH HAGEN – NO

LUKE BURD – INDIFFERENT/NO VOTE

JORDAN GUNUFSON – NO

LUKE SYVERSON – NO

THE VOTE TO ALLOW CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS ON PROPERTY LESS THAN TEN ACRES FAILED TO PASS. THE CURRENT CITY ORDINANCE OF NO CHICKENS OR ANY FOWL, IN THE CITY LIMITS, STANDS.

c. HAUGEN TREES

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO HAVE WICKHAM TREE N STUMP REMOVE THE DEAD LIMBS, FROM THE TREES, ON THE BOULEVARD, JUST OFF OF KELLY AND KEN HAUGEN’S PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. 2023 MN BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES

MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO NOT PURCHASE THE UPDATED CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00. THE LAST UPDATE WAS IN 2019 AND THE COUNCIL FELT THAT AN UPDATE EVERY TEN YEARS WAS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

b. RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SALE OR RATIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY

LUKE BURD INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OR RATIFICATION OF REAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO TONY AND LESLIE HAUGEN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

c. RESOLUTION – 2023 BOND FOR WATER TOWER PROJECT

JORDAN GUNUFSON INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A \$360,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2023A WITH AN INTEREST RATE OF 4.00%. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LUKE BURD. MEMBERS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: JORDAN GUNUFSON, LUKE BURD, BETH HAGEN AND LUKE SYVERSON. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

d. COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGE – MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

MOTION BY JORDAN GUNUFSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO MOVE THE COUNCIL MEETINGS BACK TO ITS REGULAR 5:30 TIME SLOT IN THE MONTHS OF MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER. THE COUNCIL MEETING TIME WAS CHANGED, TO 6:00, TO ACCOMMODATE A SUMMER WORK SCHEDULE, FOR A COUNCIL MEMBER, THAT IS NO LONGER NEEDED. MOTION PASSED AND CARRIED.

e. GAMBLING LICENSE – ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

VIRGIL LERFALD, ON BEHALF OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INQUIRED ABOUT OBTAINING A GAMBLING LICENSE, IN MCINTOSH, SINCE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NO LONGER PROVIDES GAMBLING AT LITTLE BOBBY’S BAR DUE TO THEFT. LUKE SYVERSON ASKED VIRGIL LERFALD TO CONTACT ALUMNI MEMBERS, FIRST, BEFORE USING THEIR DONATED FUNDS AS START-UP COSTS FOR GAMBLING. MR. LERFALD SAID HE WOULD. AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION, BOTH DENISE STARK AND VIRGIL LERFALD FELT THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BRING GAMBLING BACK TO THE BAR INSTEAD OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKED DENISE STARK HANDLE THE MONEY, AT THE END OF THE NIGHT, OR HAVE HER APPOINT SOMEONE, BEFORE THEY’D CONSIDER BRINGING GAMBLING BACK TO THE BAR. DENISE STARK AND VIRGIL LERFALD WERE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND WILL ATTEND THE NEXT FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING ON MAY 3, 2023, TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:**

MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,958.51. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

**COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:**

JORDAN GUNUFSON ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON CAROL ANN REESE’S HOUSE. TOBY STROM SAID HE IS WAITING FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO INSPECT THE HOUSE SO IT CAN BE BURNED.

**NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO ADJOURN AT 7:00. PASSED UNOPPOSED.