

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024
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: MAYOR TOBY STROM, LUKE SYVERSON AND BETH HAGEN
LUKE BURD AND JORDAN GUNUFSON

MELISSA FINSETH – CLERK/TREASURER

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN - LICENSED ASSISTED LIVING DIRECTOR FOR POPLAR MEADOWS

GUESTS: MARY GOODWIN, DENISE STARK, ZACH THOMA – MOORE ENGINEERING, INC.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

QUORUM WAS MET

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. JANUARY 11, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY JORDAN GUNUFSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO APPROVE THE
JANUARY 11, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNOPPOSED

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

MARY GOODWIN WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO INQUIRE ABOUT UPDATING THE
COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN. THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL NEED
TO COME ON SITE TO ASSESS WHAT IS REQUIRED. REMODELING PROJECTS DO NOT
QUALIFY FOR GRANTS, SO EITHER THE CITY WILL HAVE TO BUDGET FOR IT OUT OF THE
GENERAL FUND, OR THE CITIZENS WILL HAVE TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE EXPENSES.
MARY ALSO ASKED WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT A PICKLE
BALL COURT. THERE ARE NO CURRENT PLANS TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT DUE TO
TIGHT BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.

MEDA AND POPLAR MEADOWS :

a. RENTAL STATUS

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN REPORTED THAT POPLAR MEADOWS CURRENTLY HAS TWENTY-SIX RESIDENTS. THERE IS ONE 1 – 1 BEDROOM AVAILABLE FOR RENT.

b. APPROVE POPLAR MEADOWS MONTHLY BILLS

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,059.05. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

c. DEBT PAYMENT

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN REPORTED THAT NO DEBT PAYMENT WILL BE MADE THIS MONTH DUE TO LACK OF EXCESS REVENUES.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. LITTLE BOBBY’S BAR AND GRILL

MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO APPROVE A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LITTLE BOBBY’S BAR AND GRILL. VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: LUKE BURD, BETH HAGEN AND LUKE SYVERSON. OPPOSED: JORDAN GUNUFSON. MOTION PASSED.

b. WEATHER SIREN

TABLED UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS GATHERED.

c. REESE PROPERTY

ZACH THOMA OF MOORE ENGINEERING, INC. WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO GO OVER A TENTATIVE PLAN TO PLOT OUT A PORTION OF THE REESE PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH-SIDE OF HIGHWAY 2. WITH SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING FEES, THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT WILL FALL BETWEEN \$5,000.00 AND \$10,000.00. MOTION BY LUKE BURD AND SECONDED BY LUKE SYVERSON TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

d. BLIGHTED PROPERTY

MELISSA FINSETH PROVIDED AN EMAIL RESPONSE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY ON LEGAL STEPS THE CITY NEEDS TO TAKE TO CONTACT BLIGHTED PROPERTY OWNERS. COUNCIL IS AWARE THE ISSUE IS A COMPLEX, MULTI-STEP, PROCESS THAT REQUIRES COURT INVOLVEMENT AND WILL NEED TO BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. WATER TOWER INSPECTION CONTRACT – KLM ENGINEERING, INC.

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO APPROVE A TEN YEAR INSPECTION CONTRACT, THROUGH KLM ENGINEERING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,300.00. THE FIRST INSPECTION WILL OCCUR IN 2025. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

b. CITY BUDGET

COUNCIL HEARD FROM THE CITY CLERK ABOUT THE CITY’S CURRENT FINANCES AND WHAT IT IS SHAPING UP TO LOOK LIKE IN 2024 AS ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT ALL MONTHLY EXPENSES. LOW PRIORITY PROJECTS WILL NEED TO BE PUT ON HOLD FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

c. BUILDING PERMIT – BURTHWICK

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR TARA AND JOHN BURTHWICK. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,003.41. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

MELISSA FINSETH CONFIRMED WITH THE COUNCIL THAT CLEAN-UP WEEK WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 21ST THROUGH APRIL 28TH.

NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO ADJOURN AT 6:33. PASSED UNOPPOSED.