

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 7, 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, JORDAN GUNUFSON, BETH HAGEN, LUKE BURD AND LUKE SYVERSON

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN - LICENSED ASSISTED LIVING DIRECTOR FOR POPLAR MEADOWS

MELISSA FINSETH – CLERK/TREASURER

GUEST: ZACH THOMA – MOORE ENGINEERING, INC.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

QUORUM WAS MET

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. FEBRUARY 8, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION BY JORDAN GUNUFSON AND SECONDED BY LUKE BURD TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 8, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

- b. FEBRUARY 21, 2024 ANNUAL TOWNSHIP/FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 21, 2024 ANNUAL TOWNSHIP/FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

NONE

MEDA AND POPLAR MEADOWS :

a. RENTAL STATUS

REBECCA BOEHRNSEN REPORTED THAT POPLAR MEADOWS CURRENTLY HAS 25 RESIDENTS. THERE ARE 1 – 1 BEDROOM AND 1 – 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS AVAILABLE TO 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 \$79,177.72. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

c. DEBT PAYMENT

NO DEBT PAYMENT WILL BE PAID IN MARCH.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. WEATHER SIREN

MCINTOSH RECEIVED TWO QUOTES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF OUR WEATHER SIREN – ONE FROM ROGER’S TWO WAY RADIO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,455.51 AND THE OTHER FROM STONE’S MOBILE RADIO INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,891.66. COUNCIL CHOSE THE QUOTE FROM STONE’S MOBILE RADIO INC.

THE CITY WILL APPLY FOR A USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT TO DEFRAY SOME OF THE COSTS.

b. REESE PROPERTY

ZACH THOMA, PE, OF MOORE ENGINEERING, INC., WAS IN ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE PROJECT TO PLOT APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES, OF CITY PROPERTY, INTO COMMERCIAL LOTS. FIELD AND OFFICE SURVEY SERVICES WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$6,500.00.

THE CITY ATTORNEY WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE A QUOTE ON THE ANEXING OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY ACRES OF LAND INTO THE CITY LIMITS.

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

c. COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN

THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFORMED THE CITY THAT IN LIEU OF A FULL INSPECTION OF THE KITCHEN, THE CITY CAN SAVE MONEY BY REQUESTING A SINGLE USE PERMIT FOR OCCASIONAL EVENTS, SUCH AS A BENEFIT OR COMMUNITY MEAL. THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR A FULL KITCHEN UPGRADE AT THIS TIME.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS:

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY JORDAN GUNUFSON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,034.63. PASSED UNOPPOSED.

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:

LUKE BURD INQUIRED ABOUT REPLACING THE WEST-SIDE “WELCOME TO MCINTOSH” SIGN. MAYOR STROM SAID THAT SINCE THE RAILROAD OWNS THE PROPERTY AND HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH IN THE PAST, THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO REPLACE THE SIGN.

ZACH THOMA, OF MOORE ENGINEERING, INC., WAS ASKED TO LOOK INTO AVAILABLE GRANTS FOR WALKING TRAILS. MAYOR STROM WOULD LIKE TO SEE A TRAIL AROUND THE “REESE PROPERTY” ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY TWO.

NOTICES & CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY LUKE SYVERSON AND SECONDED BY BETH HAGEN TO ADJOURN AT 6:20. PASSED UNOPPOSED.