

City of Cleveland Regular Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2020

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Don McCabe, Councilmembers present were Nancy Gens, Justin Schabert, Fred Danner and Glenn Beer.

No amendments to the agenda

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Danner to approve the February 3, 2020 Minutes and the current bills. Voting yes – all

Police Report – Chief Tiegs was not present but requested the council approve a temporary road closure on Main St. from Hwy 99 to 1st St. on April 29, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a mock crash. A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Gens to approve this request. Voting yes – all

Public Works Report – Jared Holland indicated that he received his necessary certificates to continue to operate and maintain the wastewater ponds. McCabe asked Holland if he would consider sweeping the edges of the streets soon, to prevent the loose rock and debris from entering the storm sewer.

Liquor Report – Beer asked the City Clerk if he could include the gambling rent revenues on the muni monthly sales report for future council meetings. Clerk indicated that he will start documenting that number on future reports.

Conditional Use Permit (CUP) – Beer, the planning and zoning liaison informed the council that Tyler Wenner and Bill John applied for a CUP for the property of 301 10th Street. The P&Z Commission held a public hearing on February 24, 2020 to get public input on the CUP. The CUP was a request to add two, two bed room apartments to the second level of the existing building. A Motion was made by Gens and seconded by Danner to approve Resolution #07-2020 granting that CUP. Voting yes –all. Conditions for the CUP are listed in this Resolution (see attached).

Joshua Mankowski Planning and Zoning Administrator with Le Sueur County sent the City of Cleveland a letter regarding setbacks for potential solar gardens in the future. Clerk informed the council that Le Sueur County issued a moratorium on solar gardens. This would allow them time to potentially change their ordinances related to solar garden placement within the county. The letter asked for feedback on whether the setback from a municipality should be one (1) mile or two (2) miles. A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Danner to request a one (1) mile setback for solar gardens. Voting yes – all

City clerk provided the council with an e-mail from Kevin Burkart a councilmember from Prior Lake asking the council to pass a resolution in support if allowing a city to charge “street improvement fees.” Currently this process is not allowed and the city of Prior Lake has begun to reach out to surround communities to get support via a resolution to bring to the legislative level for potential law changes. The council discussed the request and determined it would table it until another time or until more information was available in the future.

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Beer to approve Resolution #08-2020, adding Alexander Schmidt to PERA Police and Fire Plan. Voting yes – all

Flood Preparation - City clerk advised that this time last year the city was experiencing higher than normal standing water. The council discussed that most of the snow in the problem areas had already melted and it would likely be less of an issue this year.

City clerk provided an estimate from Jon Schabert Construction to raise the clerks window in city hall and replace the existing hollow wood door. Clerk advised that the window was too short and it was hard for people to communicate with city staff through it. A Motion was made by Beer and seconded by Danner to approve the estimate and start the project. Voting yes – all

The city council discussed the potential dates of the 2020 city-wide garage sale and city-wide clean-up. It was determined that the city-wide garage sale would be on May 1st and 2nd and the city-wide clean-up would be on May 9th. In previous years the clerk would create a map and list of items for sale and require the residents to sign up. This year anyone who wanted to participate could, and the city would cover the expense of advertising the city-wide garage sale.

Councilmember Gens updated the council on the 2020 Cherry Creek Days event. The American Legion hosted a bingo night to help fundraise for cherry creek days. Gens said there was roughly \$250 dollars in free will donations and \$500 from the actual bingo proceeds. Gens also stated that she held a cherry creek day committee meeting and only two people showed up. McCabe said that the council would need to start recruiting individuals to help with the planning of the event.

City Clerk informed the council that Barb Jones of Madison Lake accepted the position of assistant city clerk and began her employment on March 2, 2020.

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Beer to Adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Voting yes – all

Dan Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Don McCabe
Mayor