

City of Cleveland
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
205 4th Street, Cleveland, MN 56017

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Don McCabe, Council Members present: Tonya Schummer, Mark Hintgen, Anne Hiller and Sarah McCabe. City Staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer Charles Hodge, Head Bartender Julie O'Malley, Police Chief Randy Tiegs, Police Officer Chase Koeger, and Public Works Director Casey Volk

Approval of Agenda – A Motion was made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe. Voting: Yes - All

Jessica Green (Northland Securities) – Jessica presented to Council different options that they can take when it comes to bonding for projects that City needs and what might that look like.

Approval of Minutes and Bills – A Motion was made by Hintgen and second by Schummer to approve the minutes and bills. Voting: Yes – All

Public Comment: - No Comments

Reports:

Police Report – Chief Tiegs' monthly report was presented and approved. Chief reported that the Police Department was audited by the Post Board last week. The Post Board looks at the departments training, policies, and backgrounds that were conducted. He said typically the Post Board comes to Le Sueur County for a couple of days and they do audits of all the police and sheriff departments in the County. He also mentioned that since the city has a website he had to upload PD policies to the site per a new law that went to affect this year.

Homecoming is around September 21st and Tiegs has approved the Homecoming Parade to go down Broadway Street for two blocks. He also reported the 55 Arive Alive Class had a good turn out with 23 attendees. The Fire Department donated \$300 toward the class and the Police Department paid the rest at \$150.

He also mentioned that the County requested assistance with a motorcycle that was fleeing them last Saturday, August 31st. Cleveland PD and State Patrol were able to stop the motorcycle. The cyclist was charged for fleeing a Police officer, Cleveland PD has the motorcycle, and they are pursuing forfeiture on the motorcycle for the city to eventually own it.

Tiegs talked about the encryption of the radios that the County is implementing October 1st, which is faster than originally thought. The two emergencies that we have will not be useable after that time. Randy received a quote for \$5,900 per radio and the radio company told him that prices would more than likely increase around \$500 per radio next year. A Motion was made by Hintgen and second by S. McCabe for the emergency management radios. Voting: Yes - All

Public Works Report – Volk reported that the bump on Broadway Street has been fixed. He also reported that he is in the process of getting the valve order for the discharge pond from Core and Main and he will have Minnesota Pump help him install it due to the weight of the valve. He mentioned that they are starting to get things prep for winter.

Liquor Report – O'Malley reported that the Erik Koskinen Concert went great. The last Roll-In of the season will be on Friday, September 13th. She also reported that Pfeffer Tournaments will be starting in November and Customer Appreciation will be held on Saturday, October 26th.

Building Official Report – We had permits for the following: two for window replacements, two for re-roofs and one for a fence.

P&Z Report – No Report

EDA Report – No Report

Personnel Committee Report – Schummer reported that they meet with City staff for job performance reviews and there will be a closed meeting for Council to go over job performances.

Clerk Report – City Clerk Hodge reported that Budget Workshop will be Tuesday, September 10th, Friday, September 13th City Hall will have the carpets shampooed, Tuesday, September 24th will be a Special Meeting to approve the 2025 Proposed Budget and then the will be closed for Council to go over job performances. He reminded Council that Attorney Moran will be at the next Council meeting to discuss THC and possible new ordinance. He also reported that on Wednesday, September 5th City Hall will be closed for about hour for meeting with Nuvei (company helping with online bill pay).

Old Business:

Employee Cell Phone Stipend – Volk mentioned that he would wait and see if city hall goes with MetroNet and utilize their commercial call forwarding. If not then he would be open to having a cell phone for Public Works, but in the meantime, he will keep his stipend. Chief Tiegs mentioned that he is thinking of phasing out the PD cell phone due to the lack of calls and if we are going to MetroNet call forwarding then the public can still be able to call the police department whomever is on duty. so public can still contact the police department. A Motion was made by S. McCabe and second by Hintgen to add the new full time employees to receive a cell phone stipend. Voting: Yes – All

New Business:

Resolution 20-2024 – A Motion was made by Schummer and second by Hiller to accept donations to the city. Voting: Yes – All

Bridge Replacement on Broadway Street – Cherry Creek Bridge on Broadway Street will be replaced in 2025. The existing bridge was constructed in 1920 and extended in 1995 and now is showing its age. Since Broadway is a county road they will be paying for most of the expenses, however the city would be paying roughly between \$15,000 - \$20,000. The County needs a temporary construction easement permit and two permanent easements (Right of Way) permits for the easement for a total just compensation of \$3.00. and with The City would be responsible with moving the water and sewer utilities and if they need to be repaired. A Motion was made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe to approve the temporary construction easement, the two permanent easements, moving forward with the project and the city’s contribution. Voting: Yes - All

Waiver of Liability and License Agreement Review – A Motion was made by Schummer and second by Hintgen to approve the waiver of liability and license agreement. Voting: Yes - All

Potential Residential Water Shut-off for Non-Payment – City Clerk Hodge informed Council that there were no shut-offs last month. Hodge said that there are currently four households that are either three months (90 days) behind on their utility payment or they are being consistent with their payment along with not paying the full amount causing the household to get further behind. A Motion was made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe to approve the shut-off of water due to non-payment on September 10, 2024. Voting: Yes – All.

Other Approved Business – To tie in with talking to Jessica Green (Northland Securities) on projects for bonding. Mayor wanted to point out that Dave Tiegs included the construction schedule when the County would like to do projects in Cleveland. A Motion was made by Schummer and second by Hiller to let the County know we would like to move forward with their preliminary plan. Voting: Yes – All
Hintgen asked about an update on the old feed mill building and City Clerk Hodge said that he is still researching.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. by Hiller and second by Schummer. Voting: Yes – All

Don McCabe, Mayor

Charles Hodge, City Clerk-Treasurer