

City of Cleveland TNT Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes – December 7th, 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.

Amendments to the agenda - None

A Motion was made by Gens and seconded by Beer to approve the November 9th & 12th, 2020 Minutes and current bills report. Voting yes –all

Public Comment – None

Police Report - Chief Tiegs indicated that he was continuing to have his officers conduct business checks and pull on doors during their shifts. Tiegs stated that his fleet of radios are no longer going to be serviceable by the manufacturer. Tiegs stated that Le Sueur Co. Sheriff's Office said there will not be any grants available, like the last time radios were purchased. Tiegs indicated that he would like to start replacing the fleet of radios by purchasing one or two a year. Tiegs said the less expensive Motorola Radio would be approx. \$2500 through Alpha Wireless. The Council agreed with the replacement plan and Tiegs will order one (1) radio before the end of year.

Public Works – Jared Holland was not present. McCabe had Holland write up a memo about the discolored water issues he has been having and that was presented to the council. Clerk advised that the pump on the pressure washer in the public works shop was broken. Clerk indicated that the pressure washer was an old gas powered unit and the pump cannot be rebuilt. Clerk advised the council that they should consider purchasing an electric 220-volt unit to replace the gas powered unit. A motion was made by Danner and seconded by Schabert to purchase an electric cold water pressure washer from All America Pressure Washers for the amount of \$2500. Voting yes - all

Liquor Report – Clerk advised that Chris Sohm a previous bartender, would be returning to the Muni to help fill shifts. Approved

Building Official Report – Clerk advised there were 6 permits pulled in November and the old church property on the 300 block of Broadway applied for a porch demo, siding and roof permit. Clerk indicated that this property was owned by the Le Sueur County Historical Society and would be used primarily for storage.

No reports for P&Z, EDA or Personnel Committee

Old Business

Radio Read Water Meters – The Clerk provided a draft letter of what would be submitted to property owners in Cleveland. The council discussed this letter and had no further questions (see attached).

The regular meeting was recessed; The Truth and Taxation Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The city clerk explained that the levy would remain the same as what was proposed in the September special meeting. The total levy amount for 2021 will be \$339,429.00. The only change that was made was to increase the General Fund budget to \$468,025.00 an increase of \$4300.00 from the proposed budget, to compensate for the Police Chief's Position. Clerk indicated that he added a project PD-State Aid receivable in the amount of \$4300.00 to balance the budget. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:04 p.m. as there were no one present from the public.

The regular meeting was then called to order

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Beer to approve Resolution #39-2020 approving the final budget. Voting yes – all

A Motion was made by Gens and seconded by Schabert to approve Resolution #40-2020 approving the final levy. Voting yes – all

Crop Land Water Erosion – Clerk advised that the Le Sueur Co. Recorder's Office was able to locate the drainage easement the city has with the Stauff's. The Council discussed the updated bid from Kopet Construction for the new 12-inch drainage tile. McCabe stated that an animal guard will need to be added and asked if the steel end culvert could be removed from the bid. Clerk advised he would look into those requests. A motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Beer to approve the bid up to \$7500.00 for the tile work. Voting yes – all

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Danner to approve the proposed wage increases that was recommended by the personnel committee for 2021. (See attached) Voting yes – all

New Business

Transportation Tax – Le Sueur County Commissioner Steve Rohlfing was present to talk about the ½ cent local option sales tax. Rohlfing stated that there was a public hearing on Dec 1st and the County Board passed a resolution adopting this sales tax option. Rohlfing stated that many surrounding counties have already adopted a sales tax option and this will be a good way to bring in revenue for road project throughout the county. The county plans on bonding for large scale road improvement projects and then will use this revenue to pay the bonds down.

At large cat issues – Clerk advised that many residents have been calling city hall with issues of stray cats running at large. Currently the city will only take at large dogs to Kind Vet of St. Peter to be boarded. Clerk advised that if cats were taken to Kind Vet it could cost the city approx. \$150 in fees if no one claimed the animal. Clerk said that most, if not all dogs, in the recent years that have been taken to Kind Vet, have been claimed and the owner will pay for boarding fees. The council discussed and determined that most stray cats would probably not be claimed and

would cost tax payer dollars in boarding fees. The council discussed and indicated they would continue to not take cats to Kind Vet.

A Motion was made by Gens and seconded by Schabert to approve Resolution #41-2020 an assessment of unpaid utilities to the real estate taxes in Le Sueur County. Voting yes – all

The sewer land property taxes for 2021 were presented to the council with no questions.

Lost Control Recommendations – The clerk presented the recommendations from Troy Walsh with the League of Minnesota Cities. These recommendations were looked at, and the clerk will work on them as time allows.

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Danner to approve pay estimate No. 2 for the 6th Street Extension Project. Voting yes – all

The Christmas lighting contest will take place sometime later December. Clerk advised that his spouse could judge the contest this year if there was no one interested in judging. Council agreed with this idea.

Other approved business – Chief Tiegs noted that he had to shut down the Lakes Fitness center last week because they were not complying with the EO-99 on fitness centers being closed because of the spike in COVID-19 cases.

Steve Rohlring indicated that the overflow recycling site located at the Le Sueur County shop in Cleveland was being misused. He asked if the clerk can get info to the residents of Cleveland to only use the site for overflow recycling and to not through garbage in the recycling bins. Clerk will put this info on the next utility bills that go out.

A Motion was made by Schabert and seconded by Gens to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Voting yes – all

Dan Evans
City Clerk-Treasurer

Don McCabe
Mayor