

City of Hill City
Regular Council Meeting
April 11, 2017

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

- A. Mayor Baker presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
- B. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. The following members were present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council members Terry Christensen, Marci Holm, Tina Haugen and Dave Lange.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Haugen to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

3. Public Forum (Maximum of 3-minute presentation)

John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer called earlier in the day to say he would be late coming to the meeting.

4. Additions or Corrections Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

5. Reports:

Maintenance/Water/Sewer/Parks/Airport/Streets

- Head of Maintenance/Public Works, George Casper, reported that the Backhoe has been finally fixed. It had the wrong size tires and the front wheel cylinder was leaking.
- Water - Their Wells will be here Thursday to pull the high service pump that was part of the service agreement we have with them.
- Sewer - Quality Flow is doing the annual inspection on the lift stations.
- Parks – hauling dirt from by the fire hall to the park. Met with the electrician to get an updated quote for the electric for the new sites since it has been 2 years. The electrician will work with Lake County Power to get everything up to date.
- Airport – Will start working on the things that need to be done from the inspection from last fall.
- Street – We received 3 bids for delivery of class 5 to City streets, Casper opened them at the meeting; Caverly Dirt Works \$4.90/yard, Lange’s Nursery & Landscaping \$3.95/yard and Mike’s Bobcat \$5.20/yard.

Motion made by Baker to hire Lange’s Nursery and Landscaping to deliver the class 5, second by Holm. Motion carried with all members voting yes except Lange abstained.

- Dan Kingsley informed the Council that he received an email from Greater MN Regional Parks & Trail Commission that he will forward to the City. He recommends that someone from the City attend one of the meetings to find out more information on the Regional Designation and possible funding opportunities for the city trails.

- Casper received a bid for a new 60” John Deere Tractor mower in the amount of \$10,000.00. He would be trading in the old mower but is unsure as to how much he will get for it.

Motion made by Haugen to trade in the old mower and to purchase the new mower, second by Lange. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Fire Department

- Dan Kingsley gave an update on the fire hall addition. Baratto Brothers will be back in mid-May to finish up the fire hall addition.
- Kingsley also presented a drawing to fix the “grade” and catch basin issues at the fire hall. This was tabled until the next meeting to get more information.

Council member Haugen asked if we could move the discussion/hiring of the Park Host/Attendant up on the agenda because she had to leave for work. Haugen stated the committee interviewed 3 people for the position, one previous employee and two others. The committee recommended one of them for the position. Motion made by Christensen to hire him pending a background check, second by Holm. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

At this time, John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer arrived and the council gave him the floor. Mr. Welle informed the council of a project the County will be doing on County Road 74. This will be paid for by Aitkin County tax base not assessment.

- Doing a resurfacing 2” overlay.
- Doing curb and gutter from HWY 169 to the school.
- Putting a sidewalk on the South side of the road.
- Making some parking spots in front of the Thrift Shop
- Changing the grade of the road to help with the drainage

Andy Dokken, Assistant Principal, Hill City School and Sue Kaslow, Chair, Hill City School Board asked the council if they could talk about the upcoming school referendum. The voting will take place on May 2, 2017 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at the school. Some of the referendum items are: a new roof, fix the skylights, redo the gym floor, repurpose space throughout the school and make a safe & secure entrance. On April 19th, there is a community meeting and tours starting at 5:30 pm at the school.

Police Dept.

- Police Chief Kimball gave a monthly activity report.
- The speed signs are up and running
- Part time Officer – there were issues with the background of the 1st candidate so decided to background the 2nd candidate. His background came out ok and Chief Kimball gave him a job offer pending the Psychological Evaluation.
- Chief Kimball will be applying for a Vest Grant for the new part-time officer and one for Officer Madsen as his vest expires soon. Dan Kingsley asked if it was feasible to purchase a new vest for an employee who only works one day a month. Chief Kimball stated that if he worked for us no matter how many days we have to supply him with a vest.

- Dan Kingsley ask Chief Kimball and the Council if they would consider getting a cell phone for the police department. The reason being if someone needs to get ahold of the police they could call the cell phone instead of having to leave a message at the office. Chief Kimball said that if someone needs to talk to the officer on duty they can call Aitkin County and the County will radio the officer on duty.

Mayor

- The City received and Mayor Baker read two letters of praise for Chief Kimball. The letters will go into Chief Kimball's personnel file.
- Everyone has been doing a great job.

Clerk

- Deputy Clerk Meyer stated that with Clerk McManigle gone she is a little behind on some stuff but will get caught up again once she gets back.

Council

- Council Member Christensen brought up that there are some blight issues throughout town. He is working on possible doing a city wide cleanup day.
- There was a complaint about Chappy's for their garbage and recycling being all over. Police Chief Kimball stated that he is aware of it and is working with Chappy's and Waste Management to get the problem rectified.

1st Responders

- There are 9 new Emergency Medical Responders.
- It has been a quiet month

Committees:

Personnel – Nothing to report

Facilities/Equipment – Casper asked who is on the Facilities committee, it use to be Casper, Lange and Nate Rollins. Council Member Holm volunteered to be on the committee with Casper and Lange.

Land Use – Talked about during Council Report.

6. Old Business: No old business

7. New Business:

A. Approve Maintenance Agreement for St. HWY 33 (Lake Ave)

Motion made by Lange to approve the maintenance agreement for St. HWY 33 (Lake Ave), second by Christensen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. Fire Hall Rental – Forms, entry, who is renting, garbage, cleaning supplies

Deputy Clerk Meyer will revamp the community room rental form and forward it to Fire Chief Nelson. Chief Nelson will be the contact for renting out the training room area of the fire hall.

C. Hire a Park Host/Attendant

This was talked about earlier in the meeting

D. Approve LG 220 Gambling Permit for the Legion Auxiliary for a raffle

Motion to approve the LG 220 for a Raffle for the Legion Auxiliary, second by Christensen.

Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Casper brought up the idea that since a paving machine will be in the area this summer for the County Road 74 project that we should look into the cost of paving Henrietta Ave in front of the Fire Hall and the Fire Hall parking lot, look at doing something with Summit Ave by the baseball field, and Water St.

8. Adjourn:

Motion made by Holm to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, second by Christensen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tami Meyer, Deputy Clerk

Larry Baker, Mayor