

City of Hill City
Regular Council Meeting
April 12, 2016

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

- A. Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- B. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. The following persons were present: Mayor Larry Baker, Council Members: Dave Lange, Audrey Baratto, Tina Haugen, and Nathan Rollins and also a few residents.

2. Consent Agenda

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

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

Mike Olson, owner of Chappy's Assisted Living, Angel Peterson, Acting Postmaster for Hill City and Grand Rapids and David & Janet Matko, new owners to the property located at 530 Park Ave., were all present to discuss the 530 Park Ave. address. Both Chappy's and Matko are currently using the 530 Park Ave. address. As per the water and sewer billing system Chappy's service address is 540 Park Ave. but they have been using 530 Park Ave. Matko's service address is 530 Park Ave. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that Chappy's would have to change their address, that the City was no longer involved with the situation and that Chappy's would have to deal directly with the Postal Service.

Council Member Lange stated that April was National Donate Month and for the past few years the City has given out Mayoral Proclamation's. This year's recipients are Patrick Lathrop and Jamie Lamke. Mayor Baker read the Proclamation and Council Member Lange presented it to Patrick Lathrop. Jamie was unable to attend the meeting but Council Member Lange said he would give it to her.

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 George Casper informed the council that the tin was all up in the maintenance shop. They purchased an exhaust fan, that was installed and they are building shelves.
- The ground water storage has been over flowing so they had it looked at and the trans reducer needs to be repaired, which will be under warranty. If this doesn't work than it will need a new panel.
- 408 Forest Ave reported a water leak. Upon inspection it was determined that someone has put in a water meter bypass and turned the water on and it froze and broke at some point. Deputy Clerk Meyer was instructed to contact the City Attorney about tampering with City Property and theft of water.
- Mr. Casper ask the council if he could purchase a crimping tool for approximately \$300.00. He has had 2 occasions where he needed one.

Motion made by Rollins for Mr. Casper to purchase the crimper, second by Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting yes.

- Mr. Casper presented the council with a certificate from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency recognizing exemplary effort expended in 2015 to comply with the NPDES/SDS Permit Program. Mr. Casper and Pat Jordan, Maintenance Assistant, went to the Cities to get the Certificate.

- It is still too wet to do anything with the new RV pads. Contacted Lake Country Power about getting the electricity updated but hasn't heard back from them.
- The streets are starting to dry up. They built a new drag.
- They replaced the grate by Knuckleheads with a one from Casper Construction

Fire Dept.

- There were 4 calls last month
- All the trucks passed the annual certification. The certificates will be coming in the mail.
- The smelt fry went good.
- They are still waiting on the survey for the fire hall.
- There is a scheduled burn for Monday April 18th.

Police Dept.

- Police Chief Madsen handed out the monthly report. He also has created a link on the City webpage that will have this same report so that everyone can see it.

Mayor

- Mayor Baker congratulated George and Pat on the certificate they received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. He is proud of all the employees and great job to everyone.
- Chief Madsen said that Mr. Saxton has ordered his bullet proof vest.

Clerk

- Deputy Clerk Meyer asked the council if they wanted to purchase ad space on the 2016 Northwoods Regional ATV Trail Map.

Motion made by Baker to purchase the premium ad for \$199.00, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting yes.

- The Friendly Vet from Bemidji will be coming again this year on May 14th starting at 1:00 pm.
- The City received a certificate from Minnesota Management & Budget for successfully meeting the requirements of the Local Government Pay Equity Act M.S.471.991 - 471.999 and Minnesota rules Chapter 3920.
- Reminder for the Council that the Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting will be on April 26th at 11:00 am at City Hall. Council member Rollins said he would be here and Mayor Baker said he would try to be here.

1st Responders

- Still looking for more responders.

Committees:

The committees had nothing to report.

6. Old Business:

A. Tammy Root's water usage

Deputy Clerk Meyer stated that they had looked at all the water accounts and that there were a couple other accounts that had a high water usage but they were trailer houses which are usually higher in the winter months.

B. Campground Host

The ad was re-ran and the committee will look at the applicants the week of the 18th.

C. Chief of Police Position

There were 12 applicants, the committee narrowed it down to the top 4 to interview. The committee will be meeting on the 19th to work on the job description.

D. Part-time police officer

Police Chief Madsen asked the council if he could stay on as a part-time officer after he resigns as Police Chief. The council said that would be the choice of the new Chief not them. Madsen also stated that if needed he could work longer than May 15th.

E. WiFi in Hill Lake Park

This isn't something they need to do right now but to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

F. Canoe/Kayak/Paddleboard Rental at the Park

This was discussed during the Public Hearing before the meeting.

Motion made by Lange to purchase 2 canoes, 2 kayaks, 2 paddleboards, and to get life jackets, second by Rollins. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

7. New Business:

A. Approve LG230 – Application to conduct Off-Site Gambling for the Hill City Fire Relief

Motion by Baker to approve the LG230 from the Hill City Fire Relief Association to conduct an off-site raffle at QMP on April 30, 2106, second by Haugen. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

B. 121 Ione Ave – Bishop's House

The City does not want this property.

C. Election Judge Pay

Tabled until the next meeting to get more information.

E. Drug & Alcohol Policy

The council would like the policy sent to the City Attorney for review.

Neal and Krista Roettger asked the council about getting a variance for a fence. They would like an 8' fence but the ordinance is only for a 6' fence. There was a lengthy discussion and it was determined that the Land Use committee would meet as there are a few sections of the ordinance that need to be reviewed. The City Council set a Public Hearing for April 26th at 6:00 pm at City Hall. The Public Hearing will cover: Fence Ordinance, Garage Sizes, and Alley Setbacks.

SCI Cable asked if maintenance would be interested in mowing the grass around the headend facility in town. They pay \$15.00 per time to mow. The Council said yes we would do that.

Motion made by Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Baratto. Motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Meyer, Deputy Clerk

Larry Baker, Mayor