

City of Scanlon
City Council Minutes
December 20, 2022
5:30 pm

Pursuant to call, and with due notice Mayor Annette Bryant called to order this meeting of the Scanlon City Council at 5:30 p.m. in the Scanlon Community Center on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Roll Call: Mayor Annette Bryant, Mike Berthiaume, Ron Stigers, Jason Bartl, Scott Boedigheimer, City Clerk Assistant Lori Stigers, and Public Works, Dave Line, Dennis Korman, City Attorney.

Absent: Jill Wartner, City Clerk/Treasurer, Jeff Goetzman City Engineer

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Present: Marshall Johnson, Maryann Johnson, Cody Grasshorn, James Stigers, Savannah Stigers.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the November 9, 2022, City Council minutes, November 16, 2022, 22nd Street meeting, and November 16, 2022, Canvass of Election Meeting minutes. Approval of the October checks paid, and total disbursement of \$104,903.94 and Novembers checks paid and total disbursements of \$68,910.65. Approval made to file and receive the October and November Finance Report made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Ron Stigers. All in favor, motion carries.

Charitable Gambling:

Reach – Lost Tavern, received report for October report, \$259.11 check received.

Wood City Riders – Rendezvous, received report for October, \$709.13 check received.

Eagles Aeries 1163 – Trapper Pete, received report for October, \$90.25 check received.

Irving Community Club – River Inn, received report for October, \$169.46 check received.

Total deposit for the month of November was \$1,297.95.

Communications

Cloquet Police Department – City Council has a copy of the November police report, Commander Adam Reed reported Scanlon had 56 calls.

Building Inspector – Cloquet issued 3 building permits in November: 1 remodel, 1 siding, and 1 for commercial remodel.

City Attorney – Dennis Korman reported that Annette Bryant, Mayor signed the Torrance Summons between the City of Scanlon and Kwik Trip. Dennis also announced his retirement from the law practice but would like to stay on as our city attorney. Annette asked Dennis who he would suggest as a city attorney and Dennis suggested Rudy, Gassert, Yetka as they are our prosecution attorney. Dennis has served as our city attorney for 47 years. Dennis will remain as City Attorney until further notice.

City Engineer – Nothing new to report.

Public Works – Randy Johnson has resigned, and his last day will be December 26, 2022. Dave will be on vacation the last week of the year, we have asked Jeff Wartner, Tony Compo and possibly Caleb Maki to plow if needed. Motion to approve having Jeff, Tony or Caleb plow if needed was made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries. We will check with Carlton and Cloquet to see if they can help if we have any other issues. Dave did say he would cancel his vacation and we would pay out his remaining vacation time or carry over into the next year. The preferred way would be paying out his remaining vacation time. Dave reported that with all the snow the warming house and rinks are not ready and will get with the seasonal employees when it ready to be opened. The past snowstorm we had a few complaints of plowing

but there were trees and lines down and was not able to plow. Dave even mentioned he ended up putting chains on to make it up and down the hills.

Citizen Comments: MaryAnn mentioned that she has reported to Jill a few months ago about the streetlight out on 27th and Washington Ave and it is still out. Minnesota Power is very busy at this time with past snow storm and all the down lines. Lori Stigers asked the council to adjust the sewer portion of her water bill in November due to hot water heater was leaking, water did not go down the drain. Motion to adjust sewer portion of Lori Stigers water bill made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Jason Bart. Ron Stigers abstained from voting: Annette, Scott, Jason and Mike were in favor, motion carries.

Committee Reports:

City Property/Building Community Center Committee – Mary Lee Gymnastic Rental Contract up for renewal, no changes or rent increase. Motion to approve Mary Lee Gymnastic Rental Contract was made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries. Wood City Day Care Contract is also up for renewal. Lori stated that since the daycare has been using the Scanlon Community Center all utilities have gone up. Jill did a 10% monthly rental increase. Scott would like to see a comparison on the utilizes before we decided on an increase, it could be less than or more than 10%. Wood City Day Care Contract was tabled until January meeting.

City Clerk Office – The City Clerk’s office will be closed December 22, 2022, due to no staffing. It has been posted on front door and Clerks door. Holiday closures, City Clerk’s office and Public Works department will be closed Monday December 26th and Monday January 2nd for the Christmas and New Year’s Holiday.

Cloquet Fire Department – Marshall reported, increase in ambulance rates and Medicare increased their ambulance rates, this will increase our ambulance revenue by \$124,000. They settled the 2022 contract with the unions which results in a 3% wage increase. We have a tentative agreement with the unions for 2023 and 2024 contracts and this will be voted on at the December board meeting. Station One water heater failed and had to be replaced immediately. Jason Eckenberg and several POC members and carrier staff individuals spent a lot of time in the district schools for fire prevention month. Adopted advancement eligibility list, this enables us to fill jobs without waiting several months to fill position. Joseph Pufford was appointed the next safety/training officer for the district. Two POC staff members, Sarah Buhs and Chris Henagain from station 3 have quit because of other commitments. Because of the projected ambulance revenue increase the taxes listed on property tax statement will be reduced slightly on the final tax levy.

A motion to approve Resolution 2022-12 to approve Marshall Johnson as Scanlon CAFD delegate for the next 4 years and Mike Berthiaume as the alternate delegate, made by Scott Boedheimer, seconded by Ron Stigers. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting takes a recess for Truth and Taxation meeting at 6:00 pm, motion to recess City Council Meeting made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Ron Stigers. All in favor, motion carries.

Meeting resumes at 6:27 pm, motion to resume City Council Meeting made by Jason Bartl, seconded by Ron Stigers. All in favor, motion carries.

Park Department – Park Board has on seat open. Park Board donated the funnel ball stand to Wrenshall, it was removed to install the new park equipment. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-13 to donate the funnel ball stand to Wrenshall was made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Jason Bartl. All in favor, motion carries.

Personnel Committee – Randy Johnson resignation discussed earlier under Public Works. Personnel policy needs some correction made; this is tabled until a later date.

Planning Commission – Nothing new to report.

Water and Sewer Department:

Motion to approve the shut off report made by Ron Stigers, seconded Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to approve water adjustment report made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Ron Stigers. All in favor, motion carries.

Pending Items:

1. City Clerk has sent previous homeowner at 616 22nd Street the 2nd billing for the Sewer Lateral issue.
2. CBD Ordinance tabled need more guidance.

Sales Tax – Sales tax report was updated. Current balance is \$165,785.48.

Cable Commission – Nothing new to report.

WLSSD – Updated Reports are in the council packets.

New Business:

Meeting on the 22nd Street and Washington Avenue future project, several things were discussed including City of Cloquet taking over everything. Jeff has Scanlon’s best interest in mind and will work with City of Cloquet and Scanlon. Scott questioned who is on what line and concerns about the sewer line that we just relined. Manholes will have to be replaced

Discussion resumed on HSA account. For the employees to receive an HSA payment from the city they must take the high deductible health insurance. Dave and Randy opted not to take the high deductible insurance. Jill is not enrolled in the city’s insurance plan. Annette suggested that at the end of the year employees still employed on December 31 they would receive \$100.00 per month employed as a bonus. After a discussion it was decided to eliminate the HSA funding from the budget and any new employees will only have the option to take the lower deductible insurance. Motion to approve Resolution 2022-15 Carlton County 2023 Levy and Budget, after adjustments are made to remove the HSA from the budget, made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Mike Berthiaume, Ron Stigers abstained from voting. Annette, Scott, Mike and Jason are in favor, motion carries.

Committee Reports: Motion to approve all committee reports made by Ron Stigers, seconded Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:42 pm made by Mike Berthiaume, seconded by Jason Bartl. All in favor, motion carries.

**Next City Council Meeting
January 11, 2023
5:30 pm**

Annette Bryant, Mayor

Lori Stigers, Clerk Assistant

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