

City of Scanlon
City Council Minutes
October 11, 2023
5:30 pm

Pursuant to call, and with due notice Mayor Ron Stigers called to order this meeting of the Scanlon City Council at 5:31 p.m. in the Scanlon City Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

Roll Call: Mayor Ron Stigers Annette Bryant, Mike Berthiaume, Cody Grashorn, Scott Boedigheimer, Jill Wartner – City Clerk, Dave Line Public Works.

City Attorney: Dennis Korman

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Present: Mary Ann Johnson, Marshall Johnson, Karen Fisher, Lori Stigers, Thalia Foss, Jeff Goetzman, Caleb Peterson, JinYeene Neumann, Jesse Buhs and Joseph Pelawa.

Agenda Additions: Motion to approve the agenda as is made by Mike Berthiaume, seconded by Scott Boedigheimer. All in favor, motion carries.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the July 12, 2023 and September 13, 2023 City Council Minutes, and September 13, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes, checks paid in the amount of \$80,852.91 and to file and receive September 2023 finance report made by Annette Bryant, seconded by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Charitable Gambling:

Reach – Lost Tavern received August report, \$787.58 check received.

Wood City Riders – Rendezvous received August report, \$492.52 check received.

Eagles Aeries 1163 – Trapper Pete received August report, \$81.22 check received.

Irving Community Club – River Inn received August report, no check received.

Total deposit for the month of September 2023 was \$1,361.32.

Communications

Cloquet Police Department – City Council has a copy of the September 2023 Police report in their packet. Cloquet reported 50 calls in September.

Building Inspector – City of Cloquet issued 8 building permits in September 2023, 4 for roofs, 1 addition, 1 windows, 1 for repair and 1 for an accessory structure.

City Attorney – Denny has a few minor changes on the 22nd street construction agreement with Carlton County, Carlton County agreed to make those changes and will send us over a copy when complete.

22nd Street Project – Jinyeene Neumann reviewed the construction agreement with Carlton County. Motion to approve the 22nd Street Project construction agreement made by Ron Stigers, seconded by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-11, 22nd Street Project made by Annette Bryant, seconded by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-12, 22nd Street parking made by Mike Berthiaume, seconded by Scott Boedigheimer. All in favor, motion carries.

Jinyeene Neumann reviewed the River Gate Avenue Revocation. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-13, River Gate Avenue Acceptance made by Scott Boedigheimer

City Engineer - Andrew went over two reconstruction estimates for Dewey Ave. The first option would put the resident assessments at a total of \$339,920, the second option would put the resident assessments at \$139,041. Motion to move forward with the feasibility report based off option 2 made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Annette Bryant. All in favor, motion carries.

Public Works: Dave reported that three of the toilets at City Hall should be replaced for various issues, Council requested Dave get estimates for the repair cost. New player bench seats have been installed at Sather Park, will be working on Hockey boards next. Hydrant flushing is complete. 2023 road work is complete, will be working on crack sealing next, public works researching replacing the front door automatic/closing mechanism. Annual boiler inspection will be on 10/18/2023. Prepping the trucks for winter, Sterling is at Blaine Bros for work on the plow. Equipment in good condition, post pounder seems to work well. Motion to extend their 10 hour work days until October 30, 2023 made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Cody Grasshorn. Annette, Mike, Scott and Cody in favor, Ron not in favor. Motion carries.

Mayors Update: Nothing new to report.

Citizen Comments: MaryAnn asked that next year we please put notice on the water bills in regards to the hydrant flushing in advance.

Committee Reports:

City Property/Building Community Center Committee –

City Clerk Office – Ron suggested we wait until 2024 to relocate the City Clerk’s office across the hall. Scott suggested we get the new computers at the same time.

Cloquet Fire Department: Jesse requested a donation of \$18,500 from the Public Safety Aid that Scanlon will be receiving from the State of Minnesota. Council advised they are waiting on estimates to replace the City’s emergency siren and asked that they table this issue until they know the cost of the siren.

Marshall reported

- Training and safety officer (Joe Pulford) was able to get \$51,000 in reimbursement for training supplies
- Work Comp. premium went down \$22, 000
- ESST law will impact paid on call employees and likely summer help
- EMT Greg White and Firefighter/Paramedic Katie Foy are developing the frame work for a fire employer program that will be rolled out to young people to encourage interest
- Enbridge awarded CAFD \$7,500 to purchase multiple gas detecting meters
- CAFD approved the purchase of thermal imaging cameras estimated at \$30,000, old cameras are failing
- Two new paid on call persons were hired
- Two paid on call persons may be retiring soon

Park Department –Mike advised they will have a meeting on 10/18/2023 @ 5:00PM at Sather Park.

Personnel Committee – Nothing new to report.

Planning Commission – November meeting will be cancelled.

Water and Sewer Department:

Motion to approve the water shut and adjustment reports made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Annette Bryant. All in favor, motion carries.

22nd Street Updates: Public hearing was held 10/11/23 @ 4:30PM.

Old Business:

Pending Tasks:

1. Sewer Lateral Resident issue is still pending with no response from previous owner.
2. New homeowner was sent a letter stating they have until 9/1/2024 to complete repair work.
3. Marijuana law changes, Annette requested we set up a working group to discuss with Cloquet.
4. Engineer RFP have been received and meeting will be held today after City Council meeting to make a decision on who they would like to interview.

Sales Tax – Sales tax report was updated. Current balance is \$244,407.39.

Cable Commission – Nothing new to report.

WLSSD – September Rainfall is the Council packets. Council asked Dave to seal holes around manholes, Dave will take a look.

New Business:

Cloquet asked if we'd be interested in participating in the Cloquet Housing Study with them. Council would like Clerk to look into what kind of benefit it would provide to the city. Motion to decline the participation made by Scott Boedigheimer, seconded by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:49pm made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Next City Council Meeting
November 8, 2023
5:30 pm

Ron Stigers, Mayor

Jill Wartner, City Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST