

City of Scanlon
City Council Minutes
December 13, 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 5:30 p.m. in the Scanlon City Council Chambers on Wednesday, December 13, 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, Lori Stigers, Linda F. Anderson, Amanda Smith, and Jeff Goetzman.

Agenda Additions: Motion to approve the agenda as is made by Cody Grashorn, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the November 8, 2023 City Council Minutes, November 21, 2023 TKDA Grant Discussion Meeting Minutes, checks paid in the amount of \$117,307.94 and to file and receive November 2023 finance report made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries.

Charitable Gambling:

Reach – Lost Tavern, received October report, \$855.20 check received.

Wood City Riders – Rendezvous, received October report, \$594.11 check received.

Eagles Aeries 1163 – Trapper Pete, received October report, no check received.

Irving Community Club – River Inn, received October report, \$54.52 check received.

Total deposit for the month of November 2023 was \$1,503.83.

Communications

Cloquet Police Department – City Council has a copy of the November 2023 Police report in their packet. Cloquet reported 37 calls in November.

Building Inspector – City of Cloquet issued 2 building permits in November 2023, 1 addition, and 1 for a fence.

City Engineer – No new updates.

City Attorney – Jeff Goetzman presented, LRIP application has been submitted, decision from state should be made in mid-March. City Clerk will work with Jeff to finish up 2024 Contract and present at the January 2024 City Council meeting, contract will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2024.

Public Works –

- An estimate from Menards was received for the Dewey Warming House to purchase one wash basin for \$219.99, council said that was fine (no approval is needed due to dollar amount).
- Estimate from ABCO for City Hall toilet repair/replacement was received, dollar amount was \$8,100.00. Estimate from Jamie Rossum for toilet repair/replacement was also received in the dollar amount of \$5,500.00. Motion to approve estimate from Jamie Rossum in the amount of \$5,500 made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries.
- Estimate was received from Benson Electric Company in the amount of \$990.00 to remove/replace light at Sather Park, council Ok'd (no approval needed due to dollar amount).
- No water has been applied to rinks due to weather.
- There was one water main break on 11/28/2023 on Dewey Ave, Dave Grover on site for repair.
- Three additional road patches were completed by Kiminski.

- Only sanding so far this winter.
- Front door fixed by Hagens.
- New City Clerk office heater repaired.

Mayors Update: Nothing new to report.

Citizen Comments: MaryAnn asked why Community Center budget was over the projected amount. City Clerk advised it was due to the unexpected asbestos removal. MaryAnn also asked about accounts 414 and 419 being over/under and if they are in the wrong spots, City Clerk will look into. MaryAnn asked Annette Bryant to stop tapping her pen on the table. Linda Anderson spoke and is very concerned about the amount of water breaks near her home on 28th and Dewey Ave. Linda also advised one water break in Jan 2005 ruined her yard from all the water that collected in her yard. She also mentioned that the water main break in March of 2023 got water in her basement, the City's insurance did cover the repair costs. Linda mentioned the water break just recently on 11/28 did not get in her home but collected once again in her backyard. She would like to see Dewey Ave. redone as well as the infrastructure underneath. The council replied they are aware of the concerns and are hoping to fix it sooner rather than later but with an estimated cost in excess of 1 million dollars it most likely will not be in the budget for several years.

Committee Reports:

City Property/Building Community Center Committee – No updates.

City Clerk Office – Holiday Closures, Christmas will be recognized on 12/25/23.

MaryLee Gymnastic 2024 Rental Contract was presented. Motion to approve contract with a change to charge \$400/month made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-20, Sewer Reline Assessment and Deferment made by Annette Bryant, second by Scott Boedigheimer. All in favor, motion carries.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-21, Final Levy & Budget at 3.5% made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Mike Berthiaume. Ron Abstained, Scott, Annette, Mike and Cody were in favor, motion carries.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-22, Earned Sick and Safe Leave made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries.

Previously approved Floodplain Management Ordinance and new Floodplain Management Ordinance presented for review, future meeting will be set to approve new Ordinance.

Cloquet Fire Department: Marshall reported

- Ambulance supplies are over budget because of costs going up.
- Ambulance revenues under budget.
- Ambulance total runs are up 100 runs over the last year.
- Increased ambulance billing rates 3%. Medicare increased their low rates by 2.6%.
- Training officer Pulford was awarded a scholarship to attend a FD Safety Officers Association conference in Phoenix, AZ.
- Health Insurance carrier was changed from Blue Cross to Medica saving the employees and us several thousand dollars.
- Budget levy stayed the same, Fire levy stayed at 2.99% and ambulance levy at 2.83%
- Taxable property value went up and many peoples actual tax levy for fire went up slightly while others had a decrease
- Light out at Sather Park

Park Department – Annette presented minutes for park board meeting held on 10/18/2023. William Bauer had a presentation of potential playground equipment we could purchase that kids would enjoy.

Personnel Committee – Nothing new to report.

Planning Commission – Next meeting scheduled for February 14, 2023 @ 4:30PM.

Water and Sewer Department:

Motion to approve the water shut and adjustment reports made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries.

22nd Street Updates: No new updates.

Old Business:

Pending Tasks:

1. Daycare
 - a. Potential Day-Care center presented an expenses spreadsheet and rent proposal. Further discussion will be had after the TNT meeting.
2. New homeowner was sent a letter stating they have until 9/1/2024 to complete repair work.
3. Marijuana law changes, no updates at this time.
4. Siren Replacement
 - a. Estimate in the amount of \$32,500.00 has been received from DSC Communications.
 - b. Estimate in the amount of \$36,353.20 has been received from West Shore Services, Inc.

Motion to approve the estimate in the amount of \$32,500.00 from DSC Communications contingent on receiving the funds, made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries

Sales Tax – Sales tax report was updated. Current balance is \$261,900.02

Cable Commission – Nothing new to report.

WLSSD – November rainfall is the Council packets.

New Business:

Request received from Cloquet Community Scholarship Fund, council voted no. City Clerk provided a letter from OSHA in regards to a recent inspection, City had no negative results.

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the Council meeting to open for the TNT meeting made at 6:58pm made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Pursuant to call, and with due notice Mayor Ron Stigers called to re-open this meeting of the Scanlon City Council at 7:15 p.m. in the Scanlon City Council Chambers.

Discussion was continued in regards to daycare, Council would be comfortable with charging \$800/month during the school year and \$1800-\$2100/month during the summer months. Ron will meet with Matt Munter to see if it's a possibility to take wall down and then decide what the next step is. Daycare would like to move in my March ideally.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made at 7:40pm made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Next City Council Meeting
January 10, 2024
5:30 pm

Ron Stigers, Mayor

Jill Wartner, City Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST