

February 3, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor David Witucki. Council members present were Tom Boeck, KC Reuter, Tiffany Sevcik and Gina Massop. Also present were Patty Smith, Don Wolters, Chris Kruse, Rod Grover, Bryan Caffin (Bollig) and Tamara Dicks.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office: Gina Massop was sworn to her 4-year council term.

Minutes: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2025, meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Massop to approve the bills.

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Smith had no additional bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Bollig: Bryan Caffin discussed the South Street project with council. There is no grant funding for this project. There are other options such as making this a TIF (tax increment financing) district, city would invest into it and would be able to recoup through taxes. It is also something you can have Grover invest in; we could do a 50/50 split. The city would invest money into the infrastructure. If Grover would invest into this project, he would have incentive to build. Grover could get his money back from taxes, but not until it is built. Bollig would like to bring Shannon Sweeny to the March meeting; he would help the council see ways to pay for this project. Bollig needs information from Grover on size of the building, size of parking lot and what Grover will be doing with the storm water.

City policy is that the city pays for the water/sewer up to the property and owner pays for it on their property up to their connections. The Dollar General Store paid for all of it (ran the lines and the connections). Bollig did not have a solid estimate for this project but could be 1.2 million. Grover said project does not need to be done in 2025; he would be okay with waiting until 2026. Bollig said waiting until 2026 will not make grant money available.

The road would have to be an above-standard road as it would be truck traffic. The road could be built with higher truck traffic on east end and regular street on west end. Grover's would be entering the property from 1st Avenue; which is a county road. No truck traffic should be entering or leaving from West Street. The city should do the full road, doing only half would cost more when you complete the rest, and the road would benefit all residents in Amboy. It would be okay to have commercial and residential buildings on the same streets; we already have this in Amboy on 1st Avenue and Maine Street.

If you want to move forward on this project, Bollig can have it ready to bid by April. Council would like Sweeny to come to the March meeting to discuss how to pay for it. Since Grover is okay with waiting until 2026, we may plan for it for 2026 but will wait to see our finance options first. Bollig would have to do a task order to design it, which would cost the city money for the engineering fees.

The PER (preliminary engineering report) that Bollig is working on should be finished in April/May; we could add part of this project into the PER; the money we spend on this project could count as money we have already paid.

Resolution 2025- 2 Fire Department Relief Donation: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Boeck to accept the \$1000.00 donation from fire relief association.

Reports: One RBC gear box is broken. Kruse is waiting for estimates from Quality Flow and Vesco; they will see if they can get parts or if parts can be made. The housing is good, and bearings can be purchased. Will have quotes for next meeting. No date has been set with Rueben when he will be doing the repairs this spring at WWTP.

Bobcat/Skid loader bids: Kruse presented council with bids for a skid loader and a report on why it would benefit the city. We have 3 pieces of equipment that are getting older or are not used. The International 666 red tractor (has not been used in over 9 years) also if gear box breaks, parts are not available, John Deere mower (not used since we purchased new one in 2021), JD210 tractor, still is used on occasion, has a leak, and needs seal replaced. The skid loader could be used to repair alleys (payloader is too big), sweep our own streets, use to fix areas after water main breaks, etc. Bid from Arnolds also included trading in J210 and John Deere mower for \$22,025.00 which would lower the cost to \$47,500.00. This would be the lowest bid of the 4 received. Arnolds is based in Mankato, so servicing would be local. Council would like to table this until they receive information on whether it could be part of the budget. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Sevcik to table until March meeting.

Open Comment: Rob Grover has blueprints; he will get a copy to the city. Kruse had bids for council on the curtains for WWTP. Bids received from MN Buildings for \$6,153.04 and Hog Slat for \$4701.00. The bid from MN Building was a heavier curtain. The council would like the curtains to go up not down, so if they are not in use, they would be less exposed to the weather. Kruse will check to see if that is included in the bids. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Massop to accept bid from MN Buildings, since it is a heavier curtain. Motion carried unanimously.

Compost enclosure that burned down in November has been turned into insurance and will be rebuilt this spring. No comments from the council on bird feeding. The new pole/siren has been received and will be installed near the fire department. Grant funds have been received for this project. The personnel committee will meet Monday, February 10 at noon for Kruse six-month review. Mayor will be retiring after 32 years with water department in Mankato on Friday, February 7, 2025.

Miscellaneous: Fire Department meeting on February 11 at 6:30 PM and next council meeting is March 3 at 7:00 PM

Motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Sevcik to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Witucki, Council

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ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer