

June 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Tom Boeck. Present from the council were KC Reuter, Tiffany Sevcik, and Gina Massop. Mayor Dave Witucki was absent. Also present were Don Wolters, Chris Kruse, Patty Smith, Tamara Dicks, Bruce Ward, Brian Bollig, Trevor Austin, Zach Bubany, Shannon Sweeney, and Cody Pongratz.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the minutes of the May 5 meeting. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve the minutes of the May 19 meeting. Both motions were approved unanimously.

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

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Smith had an additional bill from Nielsen Blacktopping for \$17,225.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: The regular meeting was closed, and public hearing was opened. Cody Pongratz (renter) showed receipt of over 2 tons he has taken into the Ponderosa Landfill. Most of it was from the previous renter. Only 2 vehicles on property, both run and are licensed. Camper is being stripped down to make a car hauler. Council requested that no burning of camper interior is allowed. Pongratz is getting the dump trailer back to finish taking in more garbage. Council requested that equipment must be kept inside the shed. No more junk should be accumulating on property since this has been an ongoing issue. Wood needs to be split regularly and kept stacked, no huge logs left to sit for months. Grass seed should be planted in the lawn area; cars should not be parked on lawn. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Sevcik to table the abatement until the July 7 meeting to see if further progress is made. Motion carried unanimously. Council was disappointed that homeowner, Andrew Dieteman, was not at the meeting. Public hearing was closed, and regular meeting was reopened.

Clean up letters: No improvements were made at 405 Pearl Street, 131 Stevens Street, and 230 North Street E. A public hearing will be held in July and letters will be sent to the homeowners.

Bollig Engineering: Brian Bollig discussed with council the Lead/Copper issues from the MN Dept of Health. Our Reverse Osmosis water is “grabbing” minerals from the lines causing our lead and copper to be too high. We need to change our water chemistry, and the Dept of Health requires us to have an engineer submit an Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment (OCCT). Bollig would like to have Dr Delvin DeBoer help evaluate water issues. We had 20 houses evaluated in November and 2 came back as high lead (one had a lead service line). In April we had 20 houses evaluated and 9 came back as high lead (5 had a lead service line). A short-term fix will be to blend the well water (which tests lead free) with the RO water, since we have no pretreatment before the reverse osmosis. The long-term solution would be to install pressure filters. Funding for an iron removal filtration ahead of the RO system needs to be submitted by June 6, 2025. Task Order 6 was presented to council for \$30,000.00. It gives permission for Bollig to research the Lead and Copper issue and present a plan to the MN Dept of Health. It could be reimbursable with grant money. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve Task Order 6 for \$30,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Storm Sewer Investigation was done with smoke testing and Empire Pipe. An extensive study was completed - where manholes are, how deep, size of pipes. This will be given to us from Empire on a flash drive, when they finish the report. Updates on this will be included on the PER, Bollig does not know

which month they will have the PER ready for presentation. Many of the pipes are too small; if we receive the DEED grant Bollig suggests putting in 24" pipe. The holding pond on future Grover Property could be made deeper. The DEED grant for business development could be a 50% grant. We are high on the list and are waiting for state to fund during special session. The money is for business development, not residential.

South Street extension project update – Bollig is waiting for the Geotechnical soil recommendations. Task Order 3A was presented to council for an additional \$41,000.00, the total would be \$146,000.00. This task order is the design through bidding for the South Street Extension. Bollig can still move forward with the project and go out for bids, no bids would be awarded until grant money is available. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Sevcik to approve Task Order 3A for an additional \$41,000.00 Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 11 Applying to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority was presented to council by Bollig. This would give them permission to apply for funding. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve Resolution 2025 – 11. Motion carried unanimously.

Shannon Sweeney presented to council Resolution 2025 – 10 to have a public hearing on August 4, 2025, to establish the TIF district. The TIF would be a tax increment of \$47,989 over a 9-year period. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve Resolution 2025 – 10 for the Public Hearing on August 4, 2025, to establish TIF, motion carried unanimously. Sweeney also explained that if you want him to help establish the TIF district it would be \$5500.00. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the engagement letter for Sweeney to help with establishment of TIF district. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 8 Supporting the Request for State Bonding for Infrastructure Improvements was also given to council. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Reuter to approve Resolution 2025 – 8. Motion carried unanimously.

Bollig presented Task #7; this creates a program to have Bollig look into funding for \$5000.00 a year and 5% fee of the total amount of funding secured and approval by council. Bollig would look for state and federal funding. This could be terminated by the city. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to table this until July 7 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Liquor License Linda's Place: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the liquor license for Linda's Place. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports: Smoke testing and Empire coming through jetting was immensely helpful to find out why areas around city were not draining. Pleasant Street area has too small of pipes, South Street W and State Street needed cleaning out. All the information will be on a flash drive. We used 27 bags of rubber mulch for park and had STS help spread it. Terri Roth did inspection at WWTP and was extremely impressed with Kruse and his knowledge of what needs to be done at the plant.

Zoning: Richardson 130 4th Ave for a fence and chicken coop, permits 642 & 644. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve if setbacks are met. Motion carried unanimously. Massop, 221 Pleasant Street E for a deck, permit 641. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik, to approve deck if all setbacks are met. Massop abstained. Motion carried unanimously. Tanley, 420 W Maine Street for a dog pen, permit 643. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the dog pen if all setbacks are met. Motion carried unanimously. Devens 300 2nd Ave S, permit 645 for a deck and fence. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to approve deck and fence if all setbacks are

met. Motion carried unanimously. Juergens, 130 4th Avenue, was given permission by planning commission to allow 90 days to remove fence on property that was installed without a building permit.

Resolution 2025 – 9 Accepting Partial Purchase of Safety Gear from Fire Relief Association: A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve Resolution 2025 – 9. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025 – 7 Approve Charitable Gambling Fire Relief: This was approved in May, the State requested we make changes from a license to a permit and add in date and location of the gambling. A motion was made to approve revised version 2025 – 7 by Sevcik and 2nd by Massop. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Comment: Wolters requested to have Safe Step do \$2500.00 work on the master sidewalk plan. Wolters also contacted Dollar General on finishing the landscaping. Kruse has bid for the curtains at WWTP. He contacted Hog Slat, QC Supply and MPI and only received a bid from Frauendorfer Contracting for \$7903.30. A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Massop to approve curtain replacement for \$7903.30 Motion carried unanimously. Sevcik asked about mowing at Dollar General-it will be their responsibility. Boeck is working with Mapleton police on updating ordinances, establishing administrative fines like Mapleton would be the best route to help in enforcing parking on sidewalks and junky yards. A public hearing will need to be held to do any updates to ordinances. Any residents with flowers or decorations on the boulevard are in the right of way; if any damage happens to anything in ROW it is not the city's responsibility.

Miscellaneous: Next council meeting is July 7, 2025

A motion was made by Reuter and 2nd by Sevcik to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Boeck, Acting Mayor

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer