

September 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the city council was called to order by Mayor Dave Witucki. Council members present were Tom Boeck, Tiffany Sevcik, and Gina Massop. KC Reuter was absent. Also present were Don Wolters, Chris Kruse, Patty Smith, Mike Sevcik, and Tamara Dicks.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Sevcik to approve the minutes from August 5, 2024, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills: Boeck questioned invoice from Rubin Construction, it is for the materials for repairs at WWTP, the labor will be billed separately. A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Massop to approve the bills.

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No additional bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Sidewalk bid: This was tabled from previous month. An example was given – a five-foot wide with a half inch trip hazard would cost \$130.00. The contract is for \$2500.00, which should cover most trip hazards. A motion was made by Massop and 2nd by Boeck to approve Safe Step for \$2500.00 to repair sidewalk tripping hazards. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports: Received from public works, fire department and police department. The motor for the RBC's was repaired (bearings replaced) and is now working. Painting of curbs looks nice. Street sweeping will be done this Thursday or Friday. The cow and bell have been placed. Open house had 20 people attend. Hydro clean was here to jet sewer lines on southeast side and storm sewer lines on 3rd/Pleasant and State Street. State street was blocked, and we will need to use Boening's vacuum to clear it out before we can jet it.

2025 Budget: Currently at a 5.26 levy. Will decrease it more after fire department meets this month to have 3% by December meeting. Will increase safety clothing allowance by \$400.00 per person (\$800.00). Steve and Brent are required to be under contract until we have a licensed B operator for the wwtp. Dollar General will generate more property tax once it is built; could be a couple of years before we see the extra money, we will receive water and sewer money from them also.

A motion was made by Boeck and 2nd by Sevcik to approve Resolution 2024 – 12 Proposed Property Tax Levy and Resolution 2024 – 14 City Budget for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Comment: A business owner requested to have a dedicated parking spot on Maine Street in front of the shop. Discussion was held – could the customers enter through backdoor? Since Maine Street is part of Highway 30 it is a public street, and no designated spot would be available. We can check with DOT on having a handicap spot and repainting parking lines.

Smith checked prices for shirts for staff to wear to meetings. Safety yellow T-shirts would be \$19.00 each and polo shirts would be \$33.00. Smith will order a few for this year and budget for more next year. Boeck asked about city celebration – extra garbage cans are ordered. Grass and weeds will be done, and park shelter will be cleaned. Chris will help the Mapleton police with parade traffic. Massop asked about storm sewer repairs. Bollig will be at October meeting to present the plan. Witucki asked Smith to make a spreadsheet that will show the chemical usage, filter cartridge replacement and labor hours to help in discussion if we would need a filter pre-treatment for the reverse osmosis system.

Miscellaneous: City celebration September 7 – parade at 4:00 pm; Fire Department/Township meeting September 17 at 7:30 PM; Public Officials Leadership Training September 25, 6 – 8 in Mankato; next meeting will be Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

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

Dave Witucki, Mayor

Council

ATTEST:

Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer