

Monday, August 3rd, 2020

Hartland City

In Attendance: Warren Johannsen, Linda Pederson, Megian Bell, Brooke Olson, Andy Flatness, Allyson Olson, Nancy Toot

Absent: Kelly Routh

Others in Attendance: Ginger Fonza, Linda Johannsen, Thuha Ellie Bokman, Brandon Flatness, Paul Kozoilek

Acting mayor Nancy Toot called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda, approve the meeting minutes from June 1st meeting, and approve the accounts payable was made by Linda, seconded by Megian; motion carried.

Public Input:

-Café owner Ellie Bokman presented plans to the Council to demolish the café building because it has sustained damage over the past years, especially from the recent storms this past summer. The roof is bowing and will collapse soon. She does not currently have any official plans with contractors but instead wanted to approach the City first for approval. Her current idea for the lot after demolition is an apartment building available to either the general public, or specifically to the senior population. She is thinking a 2-floor building with 10 units, and parking available in the back. Ellie has agreed with neighbor Ginger Fonza to work on the parking situation as the time comes so that residents would not park on or block access to Ginger's neighboring lot. Ellie will contact local organizations to donate the restaurant equipment inside. Brandon Flatness reminded Ellie that because the café is her private property, she does not need the City's permission to demolish the building. The Council agreed with his statement, but also gave the go ahead to take down the building.

-Linda brought up concerns of a "dip" on Broadway in front of the salon and café, making the road dangerous with trip hazards. The road is a county road and must be fixed by the county. Brandon contacted the county to come assess the road for repair.

Fire Dept.:

-The Fire Department is still working on getting control of the warning whistle to blow every day at noon as it has done in the past. Currently, they only have control of the whistle for tornado warnings.

-The Department is still working on getting prices for the remodel/renovation of the Fire Hall Building.

- The Fire Department has received a \$2,000 grant from Freeborn Mower County Cooperative Round Up Program for use of upgrading equipment.

-Within the Fire Hall, moisture is becoming an issue. A commercial dehumidifier costs \$2,400. They will start with a household model to see if that will address the

moisture issue, as it has taken care of the issue in the past. Andy will purchase a dehumidifier for the Fire Hall.

-Questions came up about the annual steak fry by the Fire Department. At this time, they are going to see how other City's events are faring with general Covid concerns before planning a steak fry for 2020.

City Clerk Updates:

-The State of MN has released CARES Act funding to local governments. The City of Hartland has applied and will receive ~\$29,000 some time in August. This money is to be used for: issues specifically related to COVID-19, issues that were not already planned and budgeted for, and it must be used by the end of the recovery period which currently ends on November 15th. Council ideas for allocation of this money are discussed in the City Maintenance section.

-The City of Hartland will host City Wide Garage Sales on September 19th along with the City of New Richland. The City Hall and tables will not be available for rental, residents must host their sales at their own homes.

City Maintenance:

-Chip sealing has been done. The crew ran short on materials before finishing, so some lesser traveled streets were not sealed. The company will be back on Wednesday August 5th to sweep off excess material that has not been compacted by vehicles driving on it.

-Andy got a quote for a swing set for the park that will arrive in 6-8 weeks. A motion to order the swing set was made by Linda, seconded by Megian; motion carried.

-In the past, there was an idea to put a glass garage door on the East side of the old water plant, facing the street. An engineer said that would not be possible due to the integrity of the current structure; there is not enough support. The new idea is to put a garage door on either the North or South side of the building, with windows on the East side, so the Fire Department can park their old truck in there and have on display for the public. The City cannot demolish the building and sell the lot due to existing wells on the lot which do not allow for new building.

-An idea for spending of the CARES funding is a disinfectant fogger that Andy will use around town 1-2 times a week, specifically in the parks to regularly disinfect playground equipment. This machine also has a dual purpose for mosquito repellent fogging. Funding will be used for the cost of the machine (\$11,400) and to stock up on disinfectant. Mosquito repellent will be purchased with City money. The Council gave Andy permission to move forward with purchasing the disinfectant fogger.

-The council has agreed to purchasing four touchless hand sanitizer machines and a supply of hand sanitizer for placement by: both doors in the City Hall, one for the Fire Hall, and one to have on hand for replacement.

-Andy will get quotes for the installment of touchless water faucets in the City Hall bathroom and kitchen and will present prices at the next meeting.

-The door on the payment drop box is getting loose and envelopes can be pulled out if they are sticking out of the sides. CARES money can be used to purchase an "in wall" payment drop box that would go directly into the office for more secure payments and to allow residents to maintain social distancing while dropping off payments. The council agreed to move forward with purchasing a more secure drop box; Andy will look into purchasing details.

-Once these items have been purchased, the Council will revisit the remaining balance of CARES funds to discuss further Covid spending.

-Tiling of the baseball field will be done towards the end of August when weather is more suitable for seeding for new grass.

-Linda mentioned that the handle on a slide needs to be tightened and lights need to be replaced in the park by the apartments. Andy will take care of the issue.

Council Concerns:

-At this time, Santa Day will be cancelled for 2020 and no Christmas Tree will be put up in City Hall.

-There was a complaint of a resident burning without tending to the fire, therefore causing a fire hazard. A letter will be sent to that resident reminding them they must tend to any burning in town and it must be confined to a 3-foot diameter container.

-One resident submitted a building permit for a fence without payment. A letter will be sent to that resident reminding them payment must be received for building to begin.

-The residents at 507 Morin Street have not made any contact with the City to schedule a dumpster for property clean up. Another letter will be sent with a deadline of the end of September to allow the City to examine the contents of the garage and schedule a dumpster for clean up.

Mayor Concerns:

-None at this time.

Miscellaneous:

-Next meeting is Tuesday September 8th at 6:00 pm due to the Labor Day holiday. The preliminary levy will be discussed.

-Linda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45, Megian seconded; motion carried.

Brooke Olson, Hartland City Clerk