

**Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Hartland City**

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

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Raymond Toot

Acting Mayor Nancy Toot called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda, approve the general meeting minutes from January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, and approve the accounts payable was made by Megian, seconded by Linda; motion carried.

Public Input: None.

Fire Dept.:

-The Fire Dept donated two checks from their gambling fund to the city:

- \$26,000 which was allocated to go to the city fire fund.

- \$1,565.57 which is 10% of their profits from lawful gambling. This money was allocated to go to the park reserve.

Motion to approve this allocation of funds was made by Nancy, seconded by Linda; motion carried.

Mayor Kelly arrived to the meeting and took over leading the rest of the meeting.

City Maintenance: No new issues at this time.

City Clerk Updates:

-Brooke tried to move forward with GovNetPay to offer an option for city residents to pay their water bill online. GovNetPay is now merging to become AllPaid and is changing their requirements to move away from taking on small towns, as it would take too long to recoup their costs. The representative that has been in contact with Brooke was going to try to make a case for AllPaid to accept Hartland as a customer, but the outlook is not good. The council agreed that Hartland may not offer an online payment option for water bills, as it is not cost effective for the City to go with other companies that offer an online payment option. A newsletter will be sent with the February water bills informing the city residents.

-The Presidential Nomination Primary election is set for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The City must appoint election judges by February 7<sup>th</sup>; Judy Hendrickson, Kathy Spooner, and Brooke Olson have agreed to act as election judges for this election and will complete the required training.

#### Council Concerns:

-Linda brought up concerns about the 2020 city wide rummage sale. She has received complaints in the past of the rummage sale weekend being too early. At this point, there is no official committee to handle choosing an official date and advertising. Brooke will contact the City of New Richland to try to set a date for Hartland and New Richland to have city wide rummage sales on the same weekend. The council discussed advertising options, with the New Richland Star Eagle and the Albert Lea Tribune being options used in the past. Facebook Marketplace and the City of Hartland Facebook page were also suggested. An advertisement looking for volunteers that would like to handle promotion for the city wide rummage sale weekend will be put in the February newsletter.

-Nancy stated that she was contacted by Jim Lutgens who wants the city minutes emailed to him, as some New Richland residents are interested in them. Brooke will begin emailing him the council meeting minutes after they are approved.

#### Mayor Concerns:

-Kelly suggested hosting a “campaign to clean the town” or “Spring cleaning” event to enforce the cleaning of: abandoned/junk vehicles, trash, unsafe/unsightly structures, etc. within city limits. An advertisement will be placed in the newsletter monthly stating that property owners will have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to take care of the issues on their property. Anything not addressed by June 1<sup>st</sup> will be dealt with by the city and assessed to the owner’s property taxes. In the past, protocols have been put in place for dealing with such issues, but never enforced. The first announcement of this spring cleaning event will be made in the February newsletter sent with the water bills. In April or May, certified letters will be sent to the properties with issues that need to be addressed.

#### Miscellaneous:

-Next meeting is Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

-Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:54, Warren seconded; motion carried.

Brooke Olson, Hartland City Clerk