

Monday, March 7th, 2022

Hartland City

In Attendance: Warren Johannsen, Jackie Schlaak, Kelly Routh, Megian Bell, Andy Flatness, Brooke Olson, Allyson Olson

Absent: Molly Sickels

Others in Attendance: Linda Pederson, Linda Johannsen, Nancy Toot, Kathy Vokoun, Stephen Groven, Gage Flatness

Mayor Kelly Routh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda, minutes from the council meeting on February 7th, and the accounts payable was made by Jackie, seconded by Warren; motion carried.

Public Input:

-NA

Fire Dept.:

-1 Billable call in the beginning of March

-No other new business

City Maintenance:

-The old water plant building is not listed under the current insurance policy, it may have been removed in error and confusion. It will be put back on the insurance plan immediately, but the roof damage sustained during the tornado will not be covered.

-New flag poles for the park have been ordered. They are expected to arrive in ~8 weeks.

-The gazebo area is insured well and will be rebuilt, but the council wants to wait on moving forward with that area until a plan for that block of Broadway is in place. Rebuild of the gazebo needs to take place within a year.

-The street sweeper will be brought out as the snow melts and the weather warms up.

-The City is looking at purchasing a new maintenance truck. The current proposal is a ¾ ton truck with a dump trailer instead of a dump box on a truck. This option is more cost effective than getting a new dump box truck. Money is available in the reserves for a new truck, but this issue will be tabled until the next meeting when the City has a better idea of the costs of tornado clean up and repair.

-Keys to lock the brush dump site have been purchased and will be sold to Hartland residents only at \$10 per key. Advertisement for this will go into the next newsletter and the current plan is to have the dump site locked around April 1st.

-It was discussed to add a camera to the open portion of the Community Center now that it will be open to the public as a temporary Post Office lobby. Andy will get more information for camera options.

City Clerk Updates:

-After much discussion and deliberation at this meeting and the February meeting, it was decided that the City Clerk may continue to go the bank in Albert Lea and take mileage for those trips, rather than the bank in Freeborn since a bank is no longer available in Hartland. The clerk currently makes these trips on her own time and therefore is only paid for mileage and not the time it takes to make bank deposit trips.

-A new paper folder is needed in the City Clerk's office as the current one can no longer hold up to the needs of the monthly water bills and newsletters. Jackie motioned to approve the purchase of a new, better equipped paper folder, seconded by Megian; motion carried. Money for this paper folder will be taken from reserves.

-An \$8,000 donation was received from the Hartland Fire Department Lawful Gambling account. Megian motioned to designate this money to the fire fund, seconded by Warren; motion carried.

-Resolution 2022-01 was proposed which will reestablish the Community Center as the polling place for the calendar year 2022. Due to precinct boundary changes as a result of the 2020 census, the City was required to reestablish a polling place. Polling may need to take place in the Fire Hall rather than the Community Center portion, but the address of the polling place remains the same at 407 S Broadway Hartland, MN 56042. Megian motioned to accept this resolution, seconded by Warren; motion carried. Resolution 2022-01 passed.

-Hartland City Wide garage sales will be held the weekend of April 30th, along with the City of New Richland. Advertising for this event will be done on Facebook, the monthly newsletter, the New Richland Star Eagle, and the Freeborn County Shopper.

Council Concerns:

-The Post Office is now temporarily located in the Community Center. Some equipment still needs to be brought over, therefore an official open date is still undecided.

-The City is interested in offering tax incentives to businesses that are willing to come back into town and rebuild after the tornado. The Clerk has reached out to the Freeborn County Auditor and is currently in the process of gathering more information regarding how to move forward with passing such a policy.

-The Council is interested in sponsoring a clean up event in the Spring. The current idea is to pick up and handle all brush and natural materials that are placed on the curb on a specified date. The City Clerk will advertise this idea in the newsletter to gauge interest in the event. If there is enough interest, the Council plans to contact the 4-H club for labor and City equipment will be used.

Mayor Concerns:

-NA

Miscellaneous:

-Next meeting is Monday, April 4th at 6:30 pm.

-Megian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm, Warren seconded; motion carried.

Brooke Olson, *Hartland City Clerk*