

Tuesday, September 3, 2019
Hartland City Council Meeting

In Attendance: Kelly Routh, Nancy Toot, Linda Pederson, Megian Bell, Warren Johannsen, Andy Flatness, Tia Malouff

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brandon Flatness, Duane Miller, Angie Giles, Dawn Miller, Nathan Baseman, Tim Butler, John Forman, Stephen Groven, Linda Johannsen, Matt Staloch, Tami Staloch, Paul Kaziolek, Bath Knudson, Brian Giles

Mayor Routh called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve the budget agenda was made by Megian; seconded by Nancy; motion carried.

Budget Workshop:

- Parks Misc. Expense was increased by \$600 and Parks Operating Supply was increased by \$300
- Increased Clerk-Treasurer wages by \$1000
- Snow removal was increased to \$12,000
- \$60,000 from Unassigned will be moved to Street Improvements, \$20,000 from Unassigned will be moved to Park Improvements.
- Nancy motioned to make a 4% levy increase; seconded by Megian; motion carried.
- Motion to close the budget meeting was made by Nancy; seconded by Linda; motion carried.

Nancy would like to correct an error in the meeting minutes from August. Minutes will be amended to state "the Council has given no approval for the house." Motion to approve the agenda, approve the general meeting minutes from August once the correction has been made, and approve the accounts payable was made by Linda, seconded by Warren; motion carried.

Public Input:

- Michelle Simms and Jane from US Solar Corporation presented to the Council an opportunity to become a subscriber, due to the new solar garden being installed near Clarks Grove, causing a monthly bill credit on the city's Excel bill. Term is 25 years and there is no upfront cost. The subscription would only be for city buildings and commercial entities; however, they do have a residential program. Cancellation requires a 180 day notice for US Solar Corporation to fill the subscription, or the city will have to pay it out. Last 2 years of usage will be needed for a customizable proposal. City Clerk will work with Michelle on the new proposal for the Council to review and talk further on.

Fire Dept.:

- Steak Feed is Saturday, Sep 7th, from 5pm-7pm for \$12 or a donation.
- A rescue rig is in Freeborn getting repairs
- No resident concerns

City Maintenance:

- 607 Johnson St property was taken care of and mowed at a total of 4 hours. City Clerk will bill property owner accordingly.
- Matt Staloch is hopeful the new playground will be installed this year and pieces will need to be moved if not. Matt and Andy will at least map out the 20X30 area.

City Clerk Updates:

- Hartland and Bath Fire Contract were signed. The only change is fire calls increased to \$1000.
- Mayor Routh had an idea to have a more controlled clean-up day, to help residents that may not have the capabilities and to clean up the community. Residents would notify the city of any materials they'd like cleared up and the city would hire Brandon Flatness to pick up the items. No Council Member opposed the idea. City Clerk will mail a sign-up form to all residents and see what the feedback is. Fees will be based per individual, depending on their items and material.
- Monthly newsletters have been added to the website. Tia was given permission to add more items to the website, minus unapproved meeting minutes and closed meeting minutes.
- A resident questioned the expiration date on building permits. Tia contacted the League of Minnesota Cities and there is a 180 day expiration if projects are not started or abandoned. Nancy motioned to match the county and change the expiration date to 1 year; Warren seconded; motion carried.
- Duane Spooner reached out to Mayor Routh regarding getting a permit to shingle a small garage, if it's salvageable. Duane has authorization to contact the city office to obtain a permit.
- Angie Giles asked if she needs a permit to install a new back door. She does not need a permit.
- 3 notice letters were mailed to residents and the time allowed to correct the violation has ended. Mayor Routh will review and discuss further action with Tia.
- Residents were upset with other notice letters that were mailed to them due to there being no specific details in the letter, regarding the violation. A copy of the ordinance was attached to the letters. Mayor Routh told the residents to call him for any questions regarding letters and the county building inspector was in town on August 20th and gave recommendations.

Council Concerns:

- None

Mayor Updates:

- None

Miscellaneous:

- Gordy Jensen witnessed kids standing on the back of a golf cart doing wheelies. The next time it happens, Mayor Routh instructed to call the sheriff.

- Matt Staloch requested a 21ft variance for Mariah Lynne's new house in order to make it fit according to the ordinance and to keep in line with the townhouses.

Nancy motioned to approve the variance; Megian seconded; motion carried.

- Next meeting is Monday, October 7th at 6:30pm

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

Tia Malouff, Hartland City Clerk