

Monday, September 13th, 2021

Hartland City

In Attendance: Warren Johannsen, Molly Sickels, Jackie Schlaak, Megian Bell, Andy Flatness, Brooke Olson, Allyson Olson

Absent: Kelly Routh

Others in Attendance: Linda Pederson, Nancy Toot, Linda Johannsen, Duane Miller, Judy Hendrickson

Acting Mayor Molly Sickels called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda, minutes from the council meeting on August 2nd, and the accounts payable was made by Megian, seconded by Jackie; motion carried.

Public Input:

-The owner of 520 Main St has contacted members of the council and the council will give leniency for his property violations and the previously agreed upon fine of \$250/week – doubling each week no progress is made, as long as visible progress is being made. Upon lack of progress, fines will be discussed again.

Fire Dept.:

-Tyler Pederson resigned as Fire Chief because he moved, Gage Flatness, the assistant Fire Chief has been promoted to Chief until the next election.

-The annual steak feed on September 11th was a success. Attendance was very similar to the 2020 event at approximately 220 people; increased from years past.

-The Fire Department will get quotes on lighting for one of the fire trucks to upgrade to LED lighting.

-One mutual aid call, one medical call.

City Maintenance:

-The owners of 604 Barker St. are requesting to buy a vacant City owned lot so they may build an attached garage on their property, as the property line is very close to their house and does not currently allow for a garage. The concern with selling the lot is that the City uses that lot to store plowed snow, uses it to access the old water plant, and it may be beneficial if/when the Fire Department expands its building. Based on the current proposal by the owners to buy the entire lot, the City will not move forward with selling. The City will consider other proposals for smaller sections of the lot. Jackie motioned that their current proposal of the sale of the entire lot be denied; Warren seconded. Motion carried that the City will not sell this vacant lot under their current proposal.

City Clerk Updates:

-The Star Eagle newspaper would like to receive the City's unapproved minutes so they may stay current on their coverage of the City of Hartland. The council agrees that unapproved minutes may be sent one week after the meeting, as long as each council member has received a copy of the minutes and has had time to address any changes that need to be made. The City would like the newspaper to notify the readers that the minutes have not yet been approved at time of publishing.

-Through the League of Minnesota Cities, the City of Hartland is eligible for ~\$32,000 as a Covid related grant. The City will apply for the grant, and if anything is left unused, it can be transferred to another government agency.

Council Concerns:

-512 Broadway: Café. The building is crumbling due to lack of maintenance and recent weather; the Mayor has reached out to the City Attorney to get information on how to proceed with condemning and removing the building while leaving it as the owner's expense. The County Inspector has deemed the building as unsafe and no entry is allowed. Mayor Routh is staying on top of the process and the City would like to demolish the building as soon as allowed.

Mayor Concerns:

-None at this time.

Miscellaneous:

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

-Megian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, Molly seconded; motion carried.

Brooke Olson, Hartland City Clerk