

Monday, October 7th, 2019
Hartland City Council Meeting

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brandon Flatness, Allyson Olson, Raymond Toot, Lori Routh, Dave Kelley, Jane Qualley

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

Motion to approve the agenda, approve the general meeting minutes from September, and approve the accounts payable was made by Nancy, seconded by Linda; motion carried.

Public Input:

- Jane Qualley from US Solar returned to answer any questions regarding the customized proposal and agreement. US Solar is locked in a 25-year contract with Excel, there is no negative risk for the city to owe US Solar more, they charge only what the panels produce, and the subscription is voided if the panels are not producing after 2 months. The length of the 25-year contract and the solar panel technology becoming obsolete or damage to the panels themselves are the biggest concerns to the Council Members and Mayor. Mayor Routh motioned to approve the subscription pending attorney input, Warren seconded; motion carried.
- Dave Kelley from American Red Cross promoted the Oct 15th blood drive. The goal is to collect at least 14 pints. Fliers have been put up in the Hartland Pub, the bank and gas station. Andy will also post on the city's Facebook page.

Fire Dept.:

- 1 medical call was made.
- There will not be a Fire Prevention Week event due to lack of time, but planning has already been discussed for next year. The event day may change to the Sunday before or after in the hopes of more participation.
- Mayor Routh let Brandon Flatness know there are grants available for building improvements and trucks. There have been no current quotes provided on the building addition yet. Allyson will reach out to see what's available.
- The steak dinner had a good turnout and made approximately \$3500 before expenses.
- Allyson is need of the medical calls that were made the past few months for billing. She will contact the Sheriff's Department for the information.

City Maintenance:

- The curb by the water plant is needing to be finished.
- The city truck had issues and needed a new fuel pump and leaf springs.

- The floor in the city shop is heaving and the doors won't shut. Andy is going to work on it with John to fix.
- The lift station needs sealing. Andy is getting a quote.
- Mayor Routh mentioned to Andy about making an ice rink in town, there are 2 old open lots that could work. No council members opposed. Brandon Flatness is going to check into the possibility.
- The ballfield is low on lime.

City Clerk Updates:

- 3 residents have responded to the City Clean Up Day participation form and 1 resident without item details. Items needing to be picked up are an elliptical machine, a stereo, 10-15 storm windows, part of a snow fence and a storm door. Fee is \$20 for each of the completed participation forms. City Clerk will notify the residents and plan a pickup day. The next clean up day will be in the spring.
- Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc requested the city adopt a resolution endorsing Oct 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. Mayor and Council Members agreed to decline the request.
- Tia spoke to Freeborn County's Planning and Zoning Administrator and the city of Albert Lea regarding Point of Sale Building Inspections. Freeborn County nor Albert Lea require building inspections before the sale of a house. Mayor Routh spoke to the owner of the post office building, his intentions are to turn it into low income housing but there is no parking. The county came through and noticed bricks were missing that would need to be taken care of. The owner will get back to the city regarding his plans. Mayor Routh spoke to the attorney who suggested the city get together with a league to see if there's something that can be put together, so the city isn't stuck with building demolitions.
- A corner lot needs the rest of their lawn mowed and the other residents are trying to clean up their property and maintain.

Council Concerns:

- None

Mayor Updates:

- None

Miscellaneous:

- None

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

-Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32, Megian seconded; motion carried.

Tia Malouff, Hartland City Clerk