

Monday, August 5, 2019
Hartland City Council Meeting

In Attendance: Nancy Toot, Warren Johansen, Linda Pederson, Megian Bell, Andy Flatness, Tia Malouff

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brandon Flatness, Allyson Olson, Kelly Routh, Beth Knudson, Aaron Gilliland, Lisa Gilliland, Bill Donovan, Sheri Donovan, Ray Toot, Lola Supalla, Jan Kalbow, Sheryl Ann Barton, Dennis Supalla, Joann Spooner

Council Member Nancy Toot called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Appointing of New Mayor- Nancy turned in Trent Wangen's resignation letter and recommended Kelly Routh. Linda motioned the appointment of Kelly and Megian seconded; motion carried. He was sworn in by Tia Malouff,

Public Input:

- Lisa Gilliland was mailed a Point Of Sale Building Inspection because their house at 605 Barker St is for sale. Lisa has already had 2 inspections on her house and doesn't see the need or want to pay for another inspection to be done. Mayor Routh motioned to waive Lisa's Point Of Sale inspection and the letter will be amended to state "or proof of inspection." Lisa will provide City Hall with a copy of one of her inspections.

Fire Dept.:

- No report.

City Maintenance:

- Andy is scheduling chipped street sealing together with Freeborn County to help save the City on cost. The estimated time frame is in the Spring. The cost is \$50,000. The funds can come out of reserves and take the next 3 years to pay back. Funds for this project will be discussed at the next Budget Meeting.

- Andy is still waiting on Matt Staloch's schedule to assemble the new playground. The original assemblers are already booked out 2 months now. Mayor Routh inquired if other volunteers can assist and if there's funds in the Park and Rec budget to hire a contractor. Yes there are and Andy will look into it.

- The resident at 620 Lincoln has had an issue with excessively high water usage since June. It is not the City's issue since the meter numbers are matching with the system. Andy has a chart that shows a small leak, such as a running toilet, can cause a usage of approximately 2 gallons/minute; 2800 gallons/month. The City Clerk will

notify the resident of these stats and inform her the issue and bill are hers and her landlord's responsibility.

- There have been complaints towards 607 Johnson St to maintain the property and take care of the long grass and weeds. Tia mailed the resident a notice letter on July 31, 2019 that the City will take care of it at her cost if it is not done promptly. The cost is \$75/hr. Other towns also have a \$100 admin fee and give residents a 10 day notice. Mayor Routh is going to wait to see if the resident complies with the letter.
- Grass is still being mowed onto the streets. Mayor Routh requested a list of noncompliers. Andy will provide.
- Andy is in search of dry barley straw. It is a low cost way to reduce algae in ponds.
- Andy is in need of a new bar screen and debris basket. The cost is \$2096.40 and will come out of the sewer fund. Megian motioned to make this purchase and Linda seconded; motion carried.
- There is still debris and trash that needs to be cleaned up at 506 Lee St. Mayor Routh has seen the resident cleaning up the property.

City Clerk Updates:

- Allyson is waiting for final numbers from Paul Koziolk before renewing the Hartland and Bath Fire Contract. Paul did let Allyson know the County did change the rates and calls increased to \$1000, which will be noted in the new contract.
- Tia requested access to the city funds so she can start to sign checks and initial invoices. This will save time in mailing checks out. Linda stated this will be easier and once the minutes have been approved Tia will need to take them to the bank to complete the process. Trent will now be off the accounts and Mayor Routh does not want access. Nancy motioned to give Tia access and Linda seconded; motion carried.

Council Concerns:

- No report

Mayor Updates:

- No report

Miscellaneous:

- Several citizens were wanting to discuss Mariah Lynne's house moving into town. Multiple residents were concerned of the value of the house and will it effect the value of their house. There was also concern the house was over 2-storys, which would not comply with the Zoning Ordinance. A resident found online that a non-habitable attic is not determined as part of the structure. Allyson informed everyone last month's meeting was for public concerns and Mayor Routh asked if there was a motion. There was no vote made last meeting and the council has given no approval for the house. Andy thought legally the city doesn't have a say as long as the house fits within the setbacks of the lot and Megian stated there is no ordinance stating there needs to be a vote. Mayor Routh and Linda agreed there needs to be Council approval. Mayor Routh reviewed the setbacks and last month's meeting minutes and will contact Mariah to make sure she is aware there has been no official approval

and to clear up confusion. Mayor Routh asked that this topic be tabled until next month, Megian motioned to postpone the topic, Nancy seconded.

-The first Monday of September is Labor Day, therefore the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 at 6:30p.m.

-Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30, Megian seconded; motion carried.

Tia Malouff, Hartland City Clerk