

Monday, January 7, 2019

Hartland City Council Meeting

In Attendance: Deb Flatness, Linda Pederson, Lara Chicos, Trent Wangen, Nancy Toot, Megian Bell.

Others in Attendance: Andy Flatness, Marilynn, Groven, Allyson Olson, Paul Koziolk, Brandon Flatness, Kelly Routh, Raymond Toot.

Mayor Flatness called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda with changes, approval of the general meeting minutes from December with the changes, and the approval of the accounts payable was made by Nancy Toot and seconded by Lara Chicos. Motion passed.

Trent Wangen was sworn in as the new Mayor by outgoing Mayor Deb Flatness.

Megian Bell was sworn in as Council Member by Mayor Trent Wangen.

Mayor Wangen stated that Jon Bakken would not be taking the city council member position due to personal reasons. Mayor Wangen contacted the League of Cities of Minnesota and was told that there were two ways to handle it. One would be to have another election, and second would be to just go with three council members until the next election cycle in two years. The council decided to go with the three council members. The Mayor only votes when there is a tie, and with three council members there will always be a majority vote. The motion to go with three council members was made by Linda Pederson and seconded by Nancy Toot. Motion passed.

Public Input:

Deb Flatness reported that she took recorded statements from Hartland business owners and citizens with complaints on the Jameson cat issue. She then took them to the city attorney and attended the court hearing. Kim Jameson's attorney stated that 1) taking the cats was a violation of her civil rights under the federal housing act for people with disabilities and 2) she just really wanted those cats. The judge is taking it under advisement. The cats are no longer under the city's possession, they fall under the Humane Society care.

Deb Flatness also stated that Tim Butler's yard needs a clean-up along with a car parked partly in the alley that has not been moved for some time. She suggested notification of towing along with 2 other trucks that have been parking illegally.

Fire Dept.:

- No calls for the month.
- Hartland City Fire Dept will be hosting the City County Fire Meeting on Monday, Jan 21st.
- Donation of \$920.84 to the city. Motion was made by Megian Bell to designate this for the park fund and seconded by Linda Pederson. Motion passed.
- Motion was made to place the remaining money in a fire fund for fire equipment repairs and maintenance as needed by Megian Bell and seconded by Linda Pederson. Motion passed. The Fire Department maintains its own equipment which comes from the reserve. The amount to be determined at a later date.
- The Fire Department makes several donations throughout the year.

City Maintenance:

- Jon Bakken will continue to research park equipment.
- After the water main break at the water plant the sidewalk and curb needs to be repaired.
- The Fire Department is considering expanding the parking lot to make it wider for the trucks to pull out.
- Reconfiguration of the layout of the water plant is ongoing. Progress is being made.
- A complaint was made about hard water. The city is not responsible for water softening. It is the owner's responsibility to upkeep their water softeners.

City Clerk:

- Printer has been ordered but has been placed on back order. It will print 40 copies per minute, 10,000 copies per black ink cartridge and 7,000 copies per color ink cartridge. The printer has a two-year warranty.

- The snow contract is completed.

- Acceptance for the following of record: Bank: Farmer's State Bank of Hartland, Newspaper: New Richland Star Eagle, Attorney: Dan Kolker, Auditor: Hill, Benda, Skov & Bernau, P.A., Insurance: Security Insurance, Treasurer: ARO Accounting, Police: Albert Lea Police. Motion was made to accept the above mentioned by Megian Bell and seconded by Nancy Toot. Motion passed.

- Motion to accept the following liaisons for the City of Hartland for the year of 2019 by Megian Bell and seconded by Nancy Toot. Motion passed. The following are the designated areas; Acting Mayor: Nancy Toot, Water and Sewer: Trent Wangen, Fire Marshall: Trent Wangen, Parks and Recreation: Megian Bell, Zoning: Linda Pederson, Auditor: Linda Pederson, Building to be determined.

Council:

- Motion to accept the 2019 budget other than moving the 10% donation from the Fire Department to the Parks and Recreation fund was made by Nancy Toot and seconded by Megian Bell. Motion passed.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Nancy Toot and seconded by Megian Bell.

Marilynn Groven Hartland City Clerk

