

Monday, April 5th, 2021

Hartland City

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

Absent: Kelly Routh, Molly Sickels

Others in Attendance: Tyler Pederson, Linda Pederson, Linda Johannsen, Judy Hendrickson, Brandon Flatness, Brad Edwin.

Acting Mayor Megian Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda, minutes from the council meeting on March 1st, and the accounts payable was made by Jackie, seconded by Warren; motion carried.

Public Input:

-Newly elected County Commissioner Brad Edwin introduced himself and briefly described the role of his position, as well as his history in business management. He mentioned the project to clean up the rail line going along Highway 13, which is currently owned by the Rail Road company; estimates to complete this project reach \$40 million. The City of Hartland would like to buy or at least have access to the section that goes through town, so it can be cleaned of the rotting rail ties, weeds, etc. Commissioner Edwin will pursue the issue of the City gaining rights to that section.

-A property on Broadway is said to have 7 dogs: 6 pit bulls and 1 of unknown breed. The current ordinance allows for a maximum of 2 dogs, unless it can be proven that they are emotional support dogs. We will send a letter to that property to remind them of the ordinance and Andy will follow up with them in the last week of May (May 24th-28th). Further action taken upon this issue will be discussed in the June city council meeting.

-A property on Broadway recently posed a threat when there was a missing child case called into the Fire Department. The backyard of this property has a large pond that is not enclosed in any way, fence that is in disrepair, and large overgrowth of weeds; it has been a nuisance complaint in the past but no progress had been made. The City will send a letter to the owner of this property to make a plan of action to clean up this yard and address the safety hazards.

Fire Dept.:

-No new calls in March.

-New batteries are needed for the sirens, they will arrive in early April.

-New fire hose nozzles are needed and are currently priced at \$625 each. A motion to use Fire Department Fund money to purchase the necessary nozzles was made by Jackie, seconded by Warren; motion passed.

City Maintenance:

-A backup sewer generator needs to be purchased by the City; Andy will bring price quotes to the May meeting for the council to vote on the purchase.

-There will be no little league held in Hartland this year to avoid injury as the grass area needs to be tilled and flattened from the 2020 tiling project.

-In the old water plant, a door on the south has been installed; the next steps of this project will be either flooring or windows. Andy will bring price quotes of each to the May meeting for the council to vote on how to proceed with this project. The vision for this building is to be a Historical Fire Department Museum where the original fire department truck, uniforms, and memorabilia will be stored for viewing by the public.

-The new owners of the gas station closed on the building on April 5th; a letter will be sent to them asking to cover their dumpster with some type of surround, as this issue was never addressed by the previous owners.

City Clerk Updates:

-City wide garage sales will be held the same weekend as New Richland, April 24th. Advertising for this event will be shown on Facebook, the Star Eagle, the Freeborn County Shopper, and the Albert Lea Tribune Classifieds.

Council Concerns:

-No new issues at this time.

Mayor Concerns:

-No new issues at this time.

Miscellaneous:

-Next meeting is Monday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm.

-Warren motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, Jackie seconded; motion carried.

Brooke Olson, Hartland City Clerk