

Monday, July 15, 2019
Hartland City Council Meeting

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Brandon Flatness, Deb Flatness, Linda Johannsen, Allyson Olson, Raymond Toot, Mariah Lynne, J.R. Henderson, Stephen Groven, Matt Staloch, Beth Knudson, Dennis Supalla, Sheryl Ann Barton.

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

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

Public Input:

- Mariah Lynne has a new lot she would like to purchase from Matt Staloch, instead of the original lot on North Star Lane. Matt separated those lots into 4, however they will become 1 once Mariah takes ownership. He will also be the main contractor. Tia presented the ordinance information and zoning requirements, that was researched since the last Council Meeting. Lot areas must be 10,000 square feet and lot width must be 75 feet. Setbacks are: front yard not less than 30 feet, side yards 5 feet, side yards on a corner lot 25 feet adjacent to street and rear yards 30 feet. The dimensions of the house are 64x87, with the attached garage and wrap around porch, which will both remain attached, and a 30 ft peak. Andy mapped out the lot and determined the house will be under the zoning setbacks by 4 ft. Matt and Mariah will measure and make sure the house fits within the zoning requirements, even if it means modifying the house.

Public concerns that were addressed are the style of the house and if it will fit in with the neighborhood, the cost comparison to build a new house instead, the direction it will face and location of the driveway, and water issues with having a basement. The house is a Victorian that has been remodeled and restored and would cost \$700,000-\$800,000 to build new. She will build a new 2-story house on the lot if unable to move the old Victorian. It will face North with the driveway either on William St or Railroad St. Half of the basement will be 4ft and the other half 8ft. Mariah and Matt are not concerned with future water damage as long as the basement is done correctly and are confident with their prevention plans in place. The public also requested a computer-generated photo of what the house will look like upon completion. Mariah will provide once Matt has approved everything. Linda was concerned other residents will want to also move houses into town, that aren't as nice. Andy questioned the time limit on the permit. The plan is to start in September and finish asap, weather permitting. No other objections were made by the Council Members.

Mariah's next steps are to close on the house and lots, obtain a permit and request a variance for a 25ft setback. Neighboring houses received a variance and have a 25ft setback.

- J.R. Henderson wanted to thank the Council for contacting the owner of the abandoned trailer that was illegally parked in the alley between Johnson St and Lincoln St. However, it took 5 weeks and 3 days to do so, which is too long. The Council agreed and recently learned the city can have a vehicle towed with a 10 day notice. Also, the city can take any action with proper notice to the resident due to the 4 ordinances contract with Albert Lea. J.R. questioned if No Parking signs can be posted. Andy will look into Loading Zone signs. J.R. also mentioned he has seen people urinating in that alley as well.

Fire Dept.:

- 2 medical calls were made
- Complaints were made about the city's siren not being heard in the outskirts and some areas in town and the County siren not going off during the tornado warnings. Sirens went off in Albert Lea but not Hartland. Deb Flatness reminded everyone of the agreement on quadrants for sirens. The City Clerk will search for the agreements. Getting a second siren in Hartland was questioned, but donations would be needed for cost.

City Maintenance:

-Andy called Albert Lea regarding moving a house into town and they do not allow it. They recommended adding an ordinance that residents must build on site.
- A plan has been made to put together the new playground. Chad, Matt Staloch, Trent Wangen and Andy Flatness will assemble, and a few volunteers will be needed for minor work. A start date has not been given yet.
- The chipped streets are due for repair which will cost \$50,000. This will get taken care of next year because of a full schedule. The whereabouts of the money needed was questioned. This topic was tabled until the next meeting.
- There is a property that is not useful with an old well house that needs to be demolished. Andy suggests selling to Richard Stadhiem, S&S Farms, otherwise the City will be charged to have the house taken down.
- A storm sewer needs to be rebuilt by John Owen's house. The bricks are crumbling.
- Andy is needing a list of all property owners. The City Clerk will provide.
- Ginger Fonza has seen grass clippings in the street again. Megian suggested it could be the wind too, as she has seen neighbors sweeping their curbs. Another reminder will be put in the newsletter.

City Clerk Updates:

-No other golf cart permits have been filed so first fees will be mailed out. Andy will provide a list of all golf cart owners, so we know who still needs a permit. Tia suggested a yearly auto-bill and residents are responsible for notifying the city of any changes. Trent appreciated the idea; however pet licenses would have to be included as well and may cause more issues than good. It will be 30 days between the first fee and second.

- Gordy Jensen has not obtained a permit for his new deck since being notified on 6/4/19. A \$100 fine will be mailed.
- The American Red Cross would like Hartland to host a Blood Drive again this year. It will be in October; they will need the space from 11a.m. to 7p.m. and they will provide posters. Deb Flatness recommended the city follow New Richland's blood drive and provide food, such as sandwiches, to get more volunteers. All were in favor of hosting again and a notice will be put in the newsletter, along with one of their posters in the Post Office.
- The Hartland and Bath Fire Contract needs to be reviewed for renewal. Currently the formula is set at .00085 to .00100 mils an additional \$75 to \$100 per section. Allyson asked if the Council would like to change anything. Megian suggested the contract remain unchanged. Trent asked that the topic be tabled until next month so the Fire Chief can be present.
- Needing a Point of Sale for the Post Office building was brought up; however it is not a residential building, therefore not needed. A Point of Sale will be needed for the For-Sale house at 605 Barker St. A letter will be mailed by City Clerk.
- A permit was not requested for new shingles on the garage at the rental property on Barker St. The City Clerk will mail a letter.
- There is speculation someone is living in a house that needs to be condemned. Water has been shut off. Deb Flatness mentioned there's ways to get grant money for home improvements.

Council Concerns:

- Nancy has received requests for a Clean Up Day. Other cities have stopped due to the day being misused and residents holding on to trash to avoid a trash payment. Hartland will not move forward on a Clean Up Day.
- Allyson brought the Street Sweeper Insurance contract to be reviewed and discussed. Andy thought it looked good. Megian agreed and the motion carried.

Mayor Updates:

- Trent reminded Council Members they represent the town and to act accordingly and cordial, especially when out in public.
- Trent has taken a new job and resigning as Mayor so it does not interfere nor jeopardize his new job. He will hand in his resignation letter and not be present at the next Council Meeting. He spoke to the Minnesota League of Cities and he can either appoint someone or Council Members can vote to appoint someone. Trent has spoken to Kelly Routh about taking the position and Nancy will stand in as Mayor until someone is appointed.

Miscellaneous:

- Dorothy Robran's water bill got lost in the mail and was sent back to the Post Office. The City Clerk will reach out to the resident for payment and verify mailing address.
- Linda inquired if late water bills were being taken care of. Allyson and Tia sent notes, and a few have already responded. No responders will get their water shut off if no arrangements are made.

-Next meeting is Monday, August 5th at 6:30pm

-Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00, Linda seconded; motion carried.

Tia Malouff, Hartland City Clerk