

**Clearwater City Council
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Clearwater City Council Chamber
August 1, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edmonson called the regular council meeting of August 1, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

- Present: Mayor Edmonson Council Members Crandall, Ranum, Lange, and Ritzer.
- Absent:
- Staff present: Administrator Kress.
- Public Present: Betty Moffitt, Vern Scott, William Schindele, Kim Nelson, Tim Sawatzke, Dennis Lozinski, Mary Imholte, Daniel Niehoff, and Wally Eisenschenk
- Others Present: Deputy Lemire – Wright County Sheriff’s Office, Kreg Schmidt – Bolton Menk, and Ken Francis – Citizen-Tribune.

A quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Crandall, seconded by Ritzer, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Niehoff addressed the Council regarding his disappointment with the Public Works department regarding maintenance in the City.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Ritzer, seconded by Crandall, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. Claims/Accounts Payable
- b. Approval of 7-18-16 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of Resolution 2016- 35 Accepting Donation Clearwater Fire
- d. Approval of Resolution 2016- 36 Step Wage Increase Joni Larson
- e. Approval of Resolution 2016- 37 Step Wage Increase Deb Petty
- f. Approval of Resolution 2016- 38 Step Wage Increase Robbie Kottke
- g. Approval of Resolution 2016- 39 Hiring Part-Time Volunteer Firefighters
- h. Approval of Contract for Auditing Services with KDV

Motion carried unanimously.

WRIGHT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY REPORT

No representative was present.

OLD BUSINESS

No items for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on Agenda Requests (Karla Scapanski)

Ms. Scapanski was not present to address the Council.

b. Discussion and Update on North Area Street and Utility Project

Mr. Pelawa gave an overview of the North Area Street and Utility Project. Mayor Edmonson asked for a brief discussion on the last meetings motions. Members informed Mr. Edmonson that they discussed knock-down curbs in detail. Members also informed Mr. Edmonson that they discussed the corner of Ash and Bluff in detail as well and elected to use natural vegetation rather than a retaining wall. Mr. Pelawa explained that an updated punch list is being developed and work may begin in the next week or so. Pelawa added that the final layer of bituminous will likely be installed in October pending all punch list items are taken care of. If the punch list is not completed Pelawa explained that he would not recommend placing the final layer of bituminous.

c. Set Date for Board of Canvass

Administrator Kress explained that the Council would have to host a meeting to canvass the results for the Primary Election. Council elected to host the meeting on Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m.

d. Discussion on Opting-Out of the Requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.3593

Council members briefly reviewed the Council Action Request as included in the Council packet. Members advised Administrator Kress to move forward with an Ordinance to opt-out of the requirements of Minnesota Statute, Section 462.3593.

e. Discussion on Participating in Joint Community Open House Meeting

Mayor Edmonson gave a brief presentation explaining that Council Members are invited to attend an Open House with Clear Lake Council members. The Open House is to allow for discussion on the possibility of building a high school in the area.

f. Approval of Water Tower Cleaning

Council briefly reviewed the Council Action Request as presented in the Council packet.

MOTION by Crandall, seconded by Lange, to approve the water tower cleaning.

Motion carried unanimously. *(Crandall amended his original motion to include the tower cleaning will be completed by Water Tower Clean and Coat Inc.)

REPORTS

a. Mayor and Council – Mayor Edmonson informed the Council that due to lack of quorum the Sewer Authority meeting was changed to Tuesday, August 23rd at the Clear Lake City Hall at 7:00 p.m. There was a brief discussion on removing stops signs on Ash Street. Members were not in favor of removing the signs for safety reasons. Member Lange informed the Council that Lee Fundanet claimed he has an investor interested in the possibility of a hotel in Clearwater.

b. Boards – Administrator Kress informed the Council that the Parks Commission is working diligently on developing a new playground for placement at Eldorado Park. The equipment may be installed this fall or early next spring. Kress addressed the Council and asked if they would consider changing the name of Eldorado Park. Members were open to the idea and decided to create a half sheet document to hand out during Heritage Days and to create a post on Facebook. Council will choose the new name at an upcoming meeting. Mayor Edmonson addressed the Council and asked if they would be comfortable with him helping draft the verbiage for the half sheet. Members were in agreement with his request to help draft the half sheet.

- c. **Staff** – Kress presented his staff report as included in the Council packet. Kress asked how many members would be participating in the Heritage Days parade, all but Member Lange will be in attendance. Kress reminded Council that National Night Out would be taking place tomorrow night.

7. Other –

- a. **Next Meeting – Board of Canvass meeting Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m.**
- b. **Budget Workshop meeting Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**
- c. **Regular City Council meeting Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

ADJOURN:

MOTION by Ritzer, seconded by Lange, to adjourn the council meeting, at 7:47 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Kevin Kress, City Administrator



Pete Edmonson, Mayor

8-15-16
Date Approved