

**CLEARWATER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2020**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

- Mayor Lawrence called the Clearwater City Council to order Monday, January 27th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Lawrence, Council Members Petty, Scott, Kruchten, and Crandall. Also present were members of the Public, Staff and Press.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Staff requested addition of Res 2020-10 Appointing Election Judges as item 7.a.
- **MOTION** by Crandall to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7.a., seconded by Scott, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Public Comment

- None.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Claims/Accounts Payable

b. Approval of 01-13-20 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION** by Petty to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Kruchten, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Wright County Sheriff Deputy Report

- None.

6. Old Business

a. Ord 2020-01 – Amending Chapter 117 of City Code

- **MOTION** by Kruchten to approve, seconded by Crandall. Voting aye – Kruchten, Crandall, Lawrence, Scott. Abstained - Petty. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Res 2020-03 – Approving Findings of Fact for Rezoning

- **MOTION** by Crandall to approve, seconded by Scott. Voting aye – Crandall, Scott, Lawrence, Kruchten. Abstained – Petty. **MOTION CARRIED.**

c. Res 2020-02 – Approving Purchase of Fire Engine

- Administrator Smythe reported that the vendor will honor the current price quote until February 14, 2020.
- Mayor Lawrence reported comments from Clearwater Township, opposed to the purchase of this vehicle due to cost concerns and a lack of an opportunity for Townships to provide feedback.
- Member Kruchten reported that he had been seeking possible used vehicle options that would meet our specifications. Mayor Lawrence cautioned Kruchten that he did not have authorization from the Council to take this action.
- Chief Pridgeon provided background on the lengthy process that the design committee conducted to get to this point. There was some back and forth with Township members over the use of chemical foam for putting out fires.
- There was discussion about plans for the new vehicle and how it would impact the existing fleet of vehicles. Member Scott pointed out that there is another vehicle nearing its time for replacement in 2022.

- Chief Pridgeon answered additional questions about the life expectancy of the vehicle, the size, and how it would be used for calls. This new vehicle will be the primary vehicle out the door for most calls. The warranty is spelled out in the proposed contract.
- Member Petty had questions about other cities along I94 and what equipment they have. Chief Pridgeon did not know but stated that I94 is the most dangerous place to work. This vehicle will provide additional protections for firefighters that we currently don't have.
- Member Petty asked about repair components, which are highly specialized. There could be added costs for repairs if needed.
- Member Petty asked how we prevent some of the past issues we have had with "cheap parts" being used. Pridgeon responded that we would have inspection visits during the build of the vehicle, which takes several months.
- Member Kruchten stated that he would like to have the results from his used vehicle search prior to making a decision on this.
- **MOTION** by Kruchten to table until the February 10, 2020 meeting, seconded by Scott. Voting aye – Kruchten, Scott, Crandall, Petty. Voting nay - Lawrence. **MOTION CARRIED 4-1.**

d. Discussion of Food Shelf Contract

- Members discussed the existing contract for rental of space in the city building in Lions Park. There was some discussion of the history and background on why the food shelf pays rent. It is actually rent charged to the Lions, but submitted via the food shelf, as the Lions can't directly lease the building. Both the Lions and the food shelf have exclusive use of parts of the buildings on the property. The Lions donate funds to the food shelf, which is then paid to the city by the food shelf to cover the rental fees.
- Additional discussion surrounded what other cities do and what our costs are for maintenance of the building. Consensus among members was that the users of the building should help cover the maintenance costs of the building. Additionally, members thought a new contract that more clearly explained the terms should be drafted/negotiated.
- Member Scott offered to consult with the Lions and report back at the February meeting.

7. New Business

a. Res 2020-10 – Appointing Election Judges for 2020 Elections

- **MOTION** by Crandall to approve, seconded by Kruchten. Voting aye – Crandall, Kruchten, Lawrence, Petty. Abstained - Scott. **MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Reports

a. Mayor and Council

- None.

b. Boards

- Park Commission meets 01/30/20. Some discussion of I94 Pedestrian Bridge and a list of needs for meetings with legislators in March.
- Sewer Authority had a special meeting to address a personnel issue.

c. Staff

- None.

9. Other

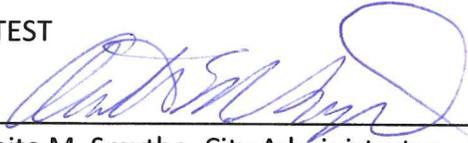
- Members asked for an update on establishing EDA. Staff has not yet had time to follow-up.
- Members would like to discuss in the future re-adoption of a Rental Ordinance and a Business License Ordinance.

- Member Crandall is interested in attending the LMC Advanced Academy if still possible. Staff will check dates.

10. Adjournment

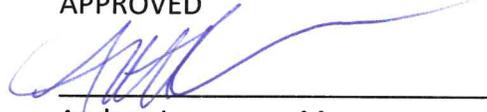
- **MOTION** to adjourn by Lawrence, seconded by Crandall, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

ATTEST



Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

APPROVED



Andrea Lawrence, Mayor