

CLEARWATER CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 22, 2023

1. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

- Mayor Lawrence called the Clearwater City Council to order Monday, May 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor Lawrence, Council Members Luhmann, Winkelman, Schwinghammer, and Vazquez. Also present was City Administrator Smythe and Accountant Johnson.

2. Res 2023-31 – Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Smythe explained the process utilized by Wright County to create the plan and the benefits of adoption.
- **MOTION** by Lawrence to approve Resolution 2023-31, seconded by Schwinghammer, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Quotes – Lions Park Basketball Court

- Smythe explained that this project is in the city’s long-term capital plan, but is being quoted now because the vendor that is overlaying the parking lot at Lions Park offered to do the basketball court at a lower rate if done at the same time. Park Commission members requested a second quote for comparison, which has now been obtained. It is expected that the parking lot work will be completed before the next Park Commission meeting. The vendor states that the quote will not be honored unless the basketball court project is done concurrently with the parking lot, so they need an answer as soon as possible.
- **MOTION** by Luhmann to accept the quote from Diversified Paving to complete the basketball court at Lions Park, seconded by Vazquez, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Fire Relief Board of Trustees

- Mayor Lawrence gave an overview of the Board of Trustees and function. Three Board members are appointed by the City Council. Smythe has been on the Board since she began working for the city.
- Smythe explained that because she is also a licensed attorney in Minnesota, she is held to a higher standard as a fiduciary than other Board members. She is not always in agreement with how some aspects of business are conducted by the Board and would like to be replaced on the Board.
- Mayor Lawrence noted that there isn’t a question of mishandling of funds, simply differences of opinion and in some cases, a desire to hold a higher standard of rules compliance, for example, posting of meetings.
- Members took the information under advisement and will discuss replacing Smythe on the Board of Trustees at the next regular meeting.

5. Adjournment

- **MOTION** to adjourn by Schwinghammer, seconded by Winkelman, all voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Annita M. Smythe, City Administrator

Andrea Lawrence Wheeler, Mayor