Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council

 April 10, 2018

 Ceylon, Minnesota

The Ceylon City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 6pm. Members present Mayor Lon Oelke, Councilmen Thomas Plumhoff, Chad Dunlop, Amanda Diers & John Gibeau. Mayor Oelke called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Also attending the meeting were Armin Kronback, Wayne Walter, Sharon Rosen of the Sentinel newspaper & Greg Burkhardt MPA of Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd.

Motion was made by Plumhoff and seconded by Diers to approve the Agenda. Motion carried. Motion was made by Diers and seconded Dunlop to approve the March minutes as submitted by clerk. Motion carried. It was moved by Plumhoff and seconded Gibeau to approve March Financial Report. Motion carried. It was motioned by Dunlop and seconded by Diers to approve payment of submitted bills for April. Motion carried.

Mayor moved to the “Public Comment” and no comments were made.

Employee Report: City Works Employee reported there is a need for repair to the water tower. The expense at this time is not known, but could cost anywhere between $10,000.00 & $35,000.00. The clerk has contacted insurance company to see if this may be a covered expense. We will know more when it is inspected. City Clerk reported the City Hall will be closed April 23 through April 27.

Councilmen Gibeau discussed some of his concerns with the “Community Day Sale”.”Who is going to repair damage to the grass at the park or the mud all over the roads?”

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He also wants to end baling at the football field as it is not agricultural land. Mayor Oelke will speak with Mark & Gary to help find a solution. Gibeau would like to have a meeting between the City and the auctioneers. Armin Kronback thought applying a percentage to all sales that day would help with expenses. Councilmen Dunlop thinks inviting them to a meeting and discussing issues with the sale would be beneficial.

Councilmen Gibeau would like to re-visit the ATV, Snowmobile, Motor Bike ordinance. He has seen violations of riding on private property. Curfew violations have also been broken. John will email the ordinance to all members for review. Councilmen Gibeau has done some updating of the city’s website. He has applied new links and Goggle Ad that will put ads on the site and the City should receive some form of payment. Councilmen Gibeau also reported on the book program. He said there are eight people enrolled in the program. His children received their first book and the others will receive their books in May. He has also applied for seven grants to fund a few of the projects he is working on. He is looking for new playground equipment, an I-Play system that projects games onto a floor. That system is $13,000.00 installed and Councilmen Gibeau said there is not another one like it within a 100 miles. He would like to use the other half of the gym for this. He said he has done polls and the interest is there from people all over. This is a reason for people to come to our town. He feels this is going to give Ceylon a positive name and increase local business.

Councilmen Gibeau wanted to know how many meters have been installed and how the process could speed up. Jim said about 25% of electric meters have been replaced, not so many water because of conditions of some homes.

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Greg Burkhardt, MPA of Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Ltd presented the audit for the year ending in 2017. The city received a clean audit report over the 2017 financial numbers. The city has seen an increase in net position again this year. It was noted to keep an eye on rates for water, sewer & electric. The city was not in legal compliance when accepting a donation for the city. The city also was not in compliance when donating funds to a non-profit charity. These findings will be reported to the state auditor.

Mayor Oelke reported on the fire association meeting. After much discussion it was motioned by Gibeau and seconded by Dunlop to adjourn. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held on May 8, 2018 at 6pm in the council room.

Mary M Muller

Clerk~Treasurer