Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council

Ceylon, Minnesota

August 7, 2018

The Ceylon City Council held their regular meeting at City Hall on August 7, 2018. Members present were Mayor Lon Oelke, Councilmen Amanda Diers, Thomas Plumhoff, Chad Dunlop & John Gibeau. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Oelke. Also attending the meeting were Laura Haegeman, Barb Kronback, Wayne Walter, Brandi & Justin Fletcher, Terry Muller, Ed Connell, & Butch, Dan & Delta Hatfield.

Motion was made by Diers and seconded by Dunlop to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

During Public Comment the council heard from Justin Fletcher. Justin received a ticket for junk violation and wanted to know what else was expected of him. He would like to see more pictures taken and more direct instructions of what is in violation. Justin left the meeting telling council to stay off his property. Council next heard from Laura Haegeman. She was upset over the fact a citizen had asked for her address and the clerk told her where she lived. She was asking the council to suspend or fire her. Councilmen Dunlop explained it was not given with intent and apologies were offered. Laura stated if any of her information is given out she will take it to the State Attorney’s office. Council heard from Ed Connell asking what else was expected of him in regards to cleaning his property. Council asked him to remove vehicles from backyard. Ed would like to put a shed up. Council advised him to get a building permit.

Council moved to approvals. It was motioned by Plumhoff and seconded by Diers to approve minutes from July 10, 2018 Council Meeting and July 23, 2018 Hearing. Motion carried.

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It was motioned by Diers and seconded by Dunlop to approve July’s Financial Report as submitted by Clerk. Motion carried. It was moved by Plumhoff and seconded by Diers to approve payment of submitted bills for August. Motion carried.

Barb Kronback would like to donate two benches to the city. She is representing the Ceylon Festival Committee. They would like to have the benches at the park by the playground equipment. Council would like Jim Plumhoff to take a look at where to place them and cost to cement and secure them down. Council moved to approval of building permits. It was motioned by Dunlop and seconded by Diers to approve permits for Pockrus, Thompson & Prentice. Motion carried.

Council received the 2019 budget draft. Clerk asked council to look over and call with any questions about the budget. Clerk presented Council with “Social Media Policy” for review. Policy will be discussed at next regular meeting.

Council awarded Wayne Walter the contract to remove the parapet wall at old city hall. The total expense of removal is $5,000.00. Motion was made by Dunlop and seconded by Plumhoff to approve the bid. Motion carried.

City Clerk discussed the issue with some of the city’s electrical upgrades that are needed. Council approved repairing a switch that needs replacement. There are issues with the underground wires as they are 30 years old. Council received a bid for $88,000.00 for replacement. Council would like to get another bid first. It was motioned by Plumhoff and seconded by Dunlop to approve a $4,500.00 repair for a switch. Motion carried. There being no more business it was motioned by Dunlop and seconded by Gibeau to adjourn Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held on September 11, 2018 at 6pm in the council room. Special session will be held on August 21, 2018 at 6pm in the council room.

Mary M Muller ~ Clerk Treasurer