**Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council – 7.8.2025**

A regular meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Perkins at 6:00p.m. Councilmembers present: Wayne Walter, Tiffany Marlin and Terry Muller. Absent: Lon Oelke. Also present: Steve and Connie Saggau, Angie Ziemer, Justin and Brandi Fletcher, Sharon Rosen of the Sentinel Newspaper, Travis Winter – Bolton & Menk, Jim Plumhoff – City Works and Mary Muller – Clerk Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent Agenda: June Financial Report, July Bills and June 10, 2025 Minutes. Motioned by Walter, Seconded by Marlin. Carried 4-0.

Public Hearing:

RSD Ordinance 2025-1

Motioned by Walter, Seconded by Muller to set Ratio of Benefits at 25 percent for land in the rural service district. Adopt RSD Ordinance 2025-1. Carried 4-0.

Hearing closed.

Public Comment:

Heard from Justin and Brandi Fletcher on sewer connection issue. Angie Ziemer was in attendance to hear about the water issue.

Regular Agenda:

1. Approval of the 2025-2026 Liquor License for Lake Belt Bar & Grill. Motioned by Muller, Seconded by Marlin to approve the license. Carried 4-0.
2. Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the Martin County Sheriff’s Department and the City of Ceylon. Motioned by Walter and Seconded by Marlin to enter into this agreement at the rate of $87.50 per hour for services requested from the city. Carried 4-0.
3. Council will begin work on the 2026 budget.

City Employees Report:

1. Jim Plumhoff reported on the water leak that was discovered by Westrum Leak Detection services. The leak was found at an abandoned house on Grace Street. The water was shut off and the city will monitor any future leak.
2. Jim brought up the discoloration of the water due to the treatment of manganese. He is working with Bolton & Menk to remedy the problem. Travis Winter stated the treatment plant is in need of upgrading. The city should begin the process of improvement needs for the plant.
3. Jim asked council about the flags on Main Street. Council decided to keep them up.
4. City Clerk asked about vendor fees for the upcoming auction. Mayor Perkins will collect the $50.00 fee.

Council Reports:

1. Mayor Perkins would like to begin infrastructure planning. She stated the water and sewer have not been improved in 40 years. She welcomed everyone from the city to be part of the planning.
2. Councilmen Muller asked about the treatment of the ash trees. Councilmen Walter has purchased some chemicals to treat the trees. Walter and Muller will treat the trees at the shelter house first.
3. Councilwomen Marlin asked about opening the dump up more often. Jim stated he would open it anytime as needed.
4. Mayor Perkins met with the Sheriff regarding the agreement with the city. She said the ordinances need to be updated and sent to the department so the can be enforced and coded for the county. Mayor Perkins would like to rewrite the ordinances herself. Councilmen Walter said he thinks the lawyer should do it as he feels she has taken on too much. Councilwomen Marlin agreed the lawyer should do it. Council will give the mayor a month.

There being no more regular business it was motion by Muller and seconded by Marlin to adjourn. Carried 4-0. Next Regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday August 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the council room.

 **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01**

**AN ORDINACE AMENDING SECTION 9.03 AND 9.04 OF THE CEYLON CITY CODE**

 **RELATING TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS OF**

 **THE RURAL URBAN SERVICE DISTRICT.**

 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CEYLON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

 Section 9.03 is amended to read as follows:

 Description Acres Presently owned by

Parcel No.21.040.0010 8.26 Schueler Trust % Wallace & Dorothy Schueler

Parcel No.21.040.0050 15.34 Julaine P. Markquart

Parcel No.21.040.0150 29.98 Kathleen A. Manzke

Parcel No.21.040.0170 17.75 Penny K. Stelter

Parcel No.21.040.0175 2.25 Marilyn Stelter LE, ETAL

Parcel No.21.040.0220 34.74 June M. Bents

Parcel No.21.040.0520 8.50 Larry & Vicki Howell

Parcel No.21.060.1420 7.57 Penny K. Stelter

Parcel No.21.525.0010 3.22 Sri Lanka Properties LLC

Parcel No.21.040.0180 14.77 Steven J. & Connie M. Saggau

Parcel No.21.450.0030 14.49 Sri Lanka Properties LLC

Parcel No.21.040.0510 2.10 Monty L. & Deborah Fisher ETAL

Parcel No.21.100.0010 .74 Thomas M. & Lori L Bents

Parcel No.21.040.0160 2.70 Steven J. & Connie M. Saggau

Parcel No.21.040.0155 5.65 Steven J. & Connie M. Saggau

Parcel No.21.100.0015 2.16 Monty L. & Deborah Fisher ETAL

Section 2.

 Section 9.04 is amended to read as follows:

 Section 9.04 Ration of Benefits. The ratio of benefits of land within the rural service district compared to land of like market value situated within the urban service district shall be 25 percent.

 Section 9.05

This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after adoption and publication.

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 Mayor Judith Perkins Mary M Muller/Clerk Treasurer

Introduced the\_\_10th\_\_\_\_\_day of June\_, 2025

Public Hearing the\_\_8th\_\_\_\_\_day of July\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Adoption the\_\_\_\_8th\_\_\_\_\_day of July\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Date Published Notice, the\_\_16th\_\_\_day of\_July\_\_\_,2025

Council went into closed session to perform employee evaluations.

Mary M Muller

Clerk Treasurer