Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council

October 14, 2021

Ceylon, Minnesota

The Ceylon City Council held their regular meeting on Thursday October 14, 2021. Members present were Mayor John Gibeau, Councilmembers Judith Perkins, Wayne Walter & Jodi Scott. Absent: Chad Dunlop. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Gibeau. Also in attendance: Chris Griffin and joining by telephone John Halvorsen.

Motion was made by Walter and seconded by Scott to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Mayor Gibeau discussed the nuisances on the property of 116 W Main Street. Notice was served to the deeded owner and the resident of the property. Councilmen Walter noted the campers and persons living in them on the property. Mayor Gibeau will give the owner and the resident an opportunity to plea their case. Council will then make a decision as to moving forward with abatement.

John Halvorsen joined the meeting by phone and the Mayor gave him the opportunity to speak. Mr. Halvorsen explained the wood is not a fence, it is his source to heat his home and wished he had more. Mr. Halvorsen stated that this is a personal attack on him and feels the city picks and chooses whom they will enforce ordinances on. He also stated that not everyone at city hall is involved in this, but the ones that are he intends on suing. Mr. Halvorsen does not understand the city’s stance on this abatement order. Mr. Halvorsen wants to be taken to court.

Council discussed what steps to take next. Councilmen Walter stated he thinks its time to let a judge decide. Councilmen Perkins stated he wants to go to court. It was motioned by Walter and seconded by Perkins to ask for summary enforcement to abate the nuisance. Motion carried.

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There being no more business it was motioned by Scott and seconded by Walter to adjourn. Motion carried. Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on November 9, 2021 at 6pm in the council room.