

Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council  
March 12, 2024  
Ceylon, Minnesota

The Ceylon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 12, 2024. Members present Mayor John Gibeau, Councilmembers Wayne Walter, Lon Oelke, Judith Perkins & Jody Scott. Mayor Gibeau called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Also in attendance were Toni Ahl, Terry Muller & Jordan Burmeister.

Consent Agenda 1<sup>st</sup> Oelke 2<sup>nd</sup> Walter Carried.  
Public Comment – No comments made

Motion by Perkins and seconded by Oelke to approve February 13, 2024 minutes. Carried.

Motion by Oelke and seconded by Walter to approve February Financial Report & March bills as submitted by Clerk Treasurer. Carried.

Council reviewed the contract from MNDOT. Council is not ready to sign contract until more information and a meeting scheduled between the State, County & The City of Ceylon. Councilwoman Perkins would like to accept the contract. Councilwoman Perkins spoke with Travis Winter of Bolton & Menk and he thought it would cost the city \$75,000.00 to demo the building. Mayor Gibeau would like to table the agreement until will have more solid numbers & start an emergency abatement process. Councilwoman Perkins made a motion to have Travis Winter of Bolton & Menk to work with the city's attorney on emergency abatement of the

two buildings on Main Street. Motion by Perkins seconded by Scott. Carried.

Council heard from Jordan Burmeister owner of Lake Belt Bar & Grill. Jordan has asked council to have the side street closed on the following dates – May 11<sup>th</sup> for a band, May 18<sup>th</sup> for a bean bag tourney, June 8<sup>th</sup> for a band & August 10<sup>th</sup> for a band. It was moved by Perkins and seconded by Oelke to approve closure on those dates. Carried. Councilwoman Scott stated she would like to see the road closed on community dates. No action was taken.

Council reviewed the junk list. Councilmen Walter would like to table this until a special meeting can be held. He asks that all council review list and either add properties or remove. Council have been divided in sections and he asks each member to look over their section. He also asked the Mayor & Councilwomen Perkins & Scott to look at commercial properties before the special meeting. Council set the Special Meeting for Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6pm in the council room.

Councilmen Walter asked to discuss the six properties that he and Councilmen Oelke would like to start abatement process on. City Clerk will contact the health inspector to get these properties declared dangerous properties. Clerk will contact lawyer to start the process of abatement. Motion by Walter and seconded by Perkins to begin the process. Carried.

Councilwoman Perkins discussed the CD's that were rolled over on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of March into a 3-month investment. Perkins would like to look into investing with the League of MN Cities 4M Fund. She would like to also invest in Treasury Bills. The investment will be discussed at the May council meeting. Mayor Gibeau suggested taken the funds an invest back into the city. He suggested an EDA fund that can assist residents with home improvements. Mayor Gibeau will contact Bjorn Olson with the State to see if there are any programs to assist with housing.

Jim Plumhoff asks council to put the following items on the community day sale – 3-phase air compressor, 5 fire hydrants, 2 basketball glass back boards, water softener, mini table & chairs, 100 - pound LP tank, 8 cement flower pots & old 1950 grain truck. It was motioned by Perkins and seconded by Scott to approve putting items on sale. Carried.

Councilmen Walter reported on the lease agreement for the lawn tractor. The implement dealer would like to see 150 hours on the tractor. The purchase of the mower is \$6,700.00. It was motioned by Oelke and seconded by Perkins to purchase the mower. Carried.

Councilmen Oelke reported on the Fire Association meeting. There was talk of increasing dues because they need a new ambulance. Councilmen Walter stated the last time we raised it the funds were to be earmarked for these purchases. Council would like to

see more specifics. Kim Manwarren is the new chairwoman of the Fire Association.

Councilwoman Perkins would like to see some improvement at Mondale Park. She thought it would be nice to improve the basketball court & would like to see a pickle ball court. She would like the city to help out the park equipment. Helping Hands is willing to do some of the work.

There being no more business it was motioned by Oelke and seconded by Walter to adjourn. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9, 2024 at 6pm in the council room. A Special Meeting will be held on March 26, 2024 at 6pm in the council room.

Mary M Muller  
Clerk Treasurer