

Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council  
April 13, 2021  
Ceylon, Minnesota

The Ceylon City Council met in regular session April 13, 2021. Members present: Mayor John Gibeau, Councilmen Chad Dunlop, Jodi Scott, Judith Perkins & Wayne Walter. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Gibeau. Also attending the meeting were Greg Burkhardt, MPA of Burkhardt & Burkhardt, Chris Griffin & Sharon Rosen of the Sentinel Newspaper.

Motion was made by Perkins and seconded by Walter to approve the agenda with an additional item to discuss BevComm. Carried.

Greg Burkhardt presented the 2020 City Audit. The summarized results were: It was a "Clean" audit opinion (after adjustments), there were no legal compliance findings and as every year there are deficiencies with segregations of duties (one employee). Greg made a few recommendations for moving forward with rates, reports & closing fitness center fund by resolution.

During the "Public Comment" portion Chris Griffin asked of council to have all ordinances the same for all citizens. She wants all building permits to follow the same rules and fees. She also inquired about the enforcement of the rental ordinance.

Motion was made by Dunlop and seconded by Scott to approve the minutes from March 9, 2021. Motion carried. It was moved by Walter and seconded by Dunlop to approve the March Financial Report. Carried. Motion was made by Perkins and seconded by Scott to approve April bills. Motion carried.

Discussed meter installation project. Tabled until next meeting.  
Discussed contracts for the city. Tabled until next meeting.

Motion was made by Dunlop and seconded by Perkins to approve Resolution 2021-1. Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with The City of Ceylon on Behalf of Its City Attorney. Motion Carried.

Discussed the Schultz property. The Schultz's are asking of the city to forgive a portion of city property so their entire garage would be in their property line. The city will have a public hearing to decide.

Council reviewed building permits and keeping of ducks. Approved the building permit and tabled the keeping of ducks.

Tom Bents would like to rent the entire old city hall. The building is a shared building at this time. The mayor will speak with Tom.

Councilwoman Perkins discussed a few items on city planning. Items included ordinance updating, Hiring a Grant Writer, Housing Inspector & Rental Ordinance.

Councilmen Walters asked about signs to be installed for Children at Play. Clerk will check with the county. He said he and Ronnie will burn the brush pile on Main Street. Wayne will be working on the generator for the city.

Councilwomen Scott inquired about the Kennedy property. Was asking when they will be cleaning it up. Clerk will call.

Mayor Gibeau has been working on senior housing. He has been working with a group of people to perform a market study. He is asking to send out request for proposal. He stated it will not cost the city anything at this point. He is asking council to approve a comprehensive market study because it more detailed. It was motioned by Scott and seconded by Dunlop to approve the request. Motion carried. Mayor Gibeau would like to have a meeting with Howell auctioneers to discuss future auction held in Ceylon.

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 May 11, 2021 at 6:00pm. Mayor Gibeau has called for a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday April 28, 2021 at 6:00pm. The meeting is to hear from CEO Bill Eckles of BevComm and to meet with the lawyer & sheriff.

Mary M Muller Clerk~Treasurer