Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council

June 13, 2023

Ceylon, Minnesota

The Ceylon City Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 13,2023. Members present: Mayor John Gibeau, Councilmembers Judith Perkins, Lon Oelke, Wayne Walter & Jody Scott. The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Gibeau. Also in attendance were Victoria Nill of MNDOT, Sharon Rosen of the Sentinel Newspaper, Toni Ahl, Janet Hybbert, Chris Griffin, Barb Kronback, Terry Muller, Dan Hamlet of Edward Jones & Wyatt & Jordan Burmeister.

The minutes from May 9, 2023 were approved and the minutes from May 13, 2023 were approved with the change of omitting Edward Jones from the US Treasury Bills. Motion by Oelke and seconded by Walter to approve minutes. Carried.

During the Open Discussion portion of the meeting Chris Griffin asked to use the city property for the July Sale for Helping Hands of Ceylon. Council approved the use of the land. Chris asked Council to send letters to parents that let their children go to the park unsupervised. Mayor said that is not a council issue.

Councilmen Walter relayed information from the walk-through with MN DOT, Martin County, Martin County Commissioner & The City of Ceylon. He explained the findings that are to be dealt with before November. The biggest issue is with who is responsible for the buildings. Mayor Gibeau would like a meeting with all entities and building owners.

Council heard from Dan Hamlet of Edward Jones. Dan explained investment options for the city’s money. He explained Treasury Bills and CD rates. He handed out rate sheets to the council. Councilmen Walter asked if he was fully aware of what the city can invest in. Dan assured the council that his program will not allow him to do so. Dan welcomed Council to his office at anytime for questions or concerns.

It was motioned by Walter and seconded by Oelke to approve the liquor license for Lake Belt Bar & Grill for the 2023-2024 season. Motion carried. Jordan Burmeister of Lake Belt Bar & Grill asked to close the Center Street from Main Street to the alley behind her establishment on July 29, 2023 for a celebration of their one-year anniversary. They would be having a street dance. They would also like to close the road on August 11, 2023 for a bean bag tournament. Motion was made by Perkins and seconded by Oelke to approve the closure of the road. Cont.…Pg 2

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Ordinance No. 2023-01 was introduced. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.03 AND 9.4 OF THE CEYLON CITY CODE RELATING TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS OF THE RURAL URBAN SERVICE DISTRICT.

Motion was made by Oelke and seconded by Walter to approve the May Financial Report and the June bills. Motion carried.

Council heard from Janet Hybbert regarding a mowing assessment to Greg Anderson’s property. She had no idea the city was mowing the property. She is requesting a refund of the assessment from the city. Mayor Gibeau stated he said all the mowing was done and time spent, gas used and equipment wear & tear. There was a motion from Oelke and a seconded by Perkins to return the assessment fee. Motion carried with a nay vote from Walter.

Building permit for new shingles at the John Gibeau property was approved by council.

Councilmen Walter said he had complaints about discolored water. The hydrants have since been flushed. It was suggested that they hydrants get flushed more often. Mayor Gibeau brought up comments that were made on social media. The city water is tested monthly and has passed as safe.

Councilwoman Perkins would like to move forward on planning. Mayor Gibeau suggested dividing the list, each member took an item on the list. She stated there were no violations in her quadrant except maybe lawn that has not been mowed across the road from the boat shop. Perkins passed out information about auctions for investing in treasury bills. She gave a schedule of the dates for the auction. She was willing to do the investing for the city. Councilmen Walter stated the CD was higher earning. Perkins said it is about the liquidity with the Treasury Bills. Councilmen Oelke said we already agreed on the CD and the treasury bills. City Clerk stated that a councilmember could not directly be involved with financial transactions. Oelke said we should let Edward Jones handle the transactions.

Councilwoman Scott asked if a permit was approved for Fred’s neighbor. Council has not approved a permit to date. She asked about another property as well. She asked about Jim working for Dunnell. She asked about hiring Tom for extra help when Jim is salaried. She stated he should work until the work is done. Mayor Gibeau stated that there are some instances where it is a two- man job. Councilwoman Perkins asked if we had released the collateral from the bank. Clerk will address it.

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Mayor Gibeau was asking council their opinion in allowing sale of marijuana and CBD products in Ceylon. He was approached by a company that was willing to possibly build a building to sell these products. Mayor stated the city can’t prohibit it. Mayor would like people to approach the council with their business plans and the council be open-minded to it. Councilwoman Perkins said it’s an opportunity for Ceylon. Councilmen Oelke said we are trying to get rid of the meth problem and now we want to sell weed. He was not for it at all. Councilmen Oelke said maybe we should see what the citizens think. Mayor Gibeau would like to explore it further.

Mayor Gibeau stated CEDA wrote a grant(pro-bono) for getting the locates paid for. The city will receive $15,000.00 for the locates.

Councilman Walter said two months ago letters were sent to five residents about cleaning up their properties and it has not been done. Walter would like Mayor Gibeau to contact law enforcement and have citations issued as that is the next step.

There being no more business it was motioned by Walter and seconded by Oelke to adjourn. Motion carried. Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 6pm in the council room.

Mary M Muller

Clerk Treasurer