Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council

September 12, 2023

Ceylon, Minnesota

The Ceylon City Council held their regular meeting on Tuesday September 12, 2023. Members present Mayor John Gibeau, Councilmembers Judith Perkins, Wayne Walter & Jody Scott. Absent Lon Oelke. Public present Toni Ahl, Angie Connell, Chris Griffin & Sharon Rosen of the Sentinel Newspaper. Mayor Gibeau called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Mayor Gibeau opened the meeting with the “Public Comment”. Councilmen Walter asked the mayor to back it up to “Consent Agenda”. Walter asked to add an item to the agenda, Lubben property. Motion by Walter and seconded by Perkins to approve the agenda. Carried. During the “Public Comment portion of the meeting no comments were made.

It was motioned by Walter and seconded by Scott to approve the August 8, 2023 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business- The mayor was unable to reach out to the sheriff’s department regarding citations for junk properties. The mayor said the sheriff’s department is not following through. The mayor said its too late now to do anything. Councilwoman Perkins said she will go talk with the sheriff.

Councilwoman Perkins spoke with the property owners on Main Street. She met with Travis Winters of Bolton & Menk to see if the money offered by MN DOT would be enough to do demolition. She thinks the council should meet with the owners & Travis and the lawyer next week.

It was moved by Walter and seconded by Perkins to approve the August Financial Report and the September bills. Motion carried.

Chris Griffin gave council pictures of the updates to the bathrooms at the shelter house. She asked council to use the shelter house for the Halloween party on October 28, 2023. Council gave approval.

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The preliminary budget was reviewed and approved by Resolution 2023-4 Proposed Tax Levy of $187,279.00 Motion made by Walter and seconded by Perkins. Motion Carried.

Council opened two bids for tree removal, The bid from L & T Tree Service & Lawn Care came in at $4,100.00 and the bid from Wayne Walter came in at $3,250.00. Motion was made by Perkins and seconded by Scott to approve the bid from Wayne Walter. Motion carried with Walter abstaining.

Councilmen Walter would like to move forward with the Lubben house. It was moved by Walter and seconded by Scott to contact lawyer on how to acquire the property. Clerk will contact the lawyer to begin the legal procedure.

Jim Plumhoff reported that sentence to serve will be assisting in cleaning up 13 properties that are in blighted conditions.

City Clerk explained the check for the cemetery was returned as the city can only give $10,000.00 a year to the cemetery. Mayor Gibeau said we will give them $5,000.00 this year and $1,000.00 next year then. He said the council already approved the payment of $6,000.00. Mayor said we will have money coming in from the city’s investments that can pay that. Councilwoman Perkins said the money needs to be spent replacing outdated equipment & such.

Council looked at information sent regarding solar project. The council asked clerk to invite SunVest Solar, LLC to the next council meeting.

There being no more business it was motioned by Walter and seconded by Perkins to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 6:49pm

Next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 6pm in the council room.

Mary M Muller

Clerk Treasurer