



**Public Hearing: Water Sewer Special Assessment Hearing
Regular City Council & Finish 2024 Budget Meeting
September 12, 2023, at 6 pm
Sturgeon Lake City Hall**

The following councilmembers were present at the hall: Mayor Scott Helfman, Councilmember Nick Dagle, Councilmember Ken Grey and Councilmember Adam Langhorst

The following councilmembers were absent: Councilmember David Lingle

The following city employees were present at the hall: Fire Chief Al Cekalla, City Clerk/Treasurer Sandra Osterdyk, and Public Works Superintendent Larry Coursolle

The following city staff members were absent: Public Works Bob Pladson

Members of the public that were present: none

Call to order: Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Helfman called the Public Hearing on Delinquent Water Sewer Special Assessment Hearing Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[N. Dagle made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Delinquent Water Sewer Special Assessment Hearing at 6:20 pm, A. Lanfhorst seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, D. Lingle absent.](#)

Special Assessment Hearing

No members of the public were present to address the assessment of delinquent water and sewer bills. Mayor Helfman had a brief discussion with the counsel and the assessment list was reviewed.

Call to order: Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Helfman called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Fire Department Report

Fire Department Report: Sturgeon Lake Fire Department is continuing to apply for grant funding. Essential applications still need to be submitted. Need to find another architectural firm. Two new volunteer firefighters have recently joined the department, Cody Lemke and Kyle Olson. There were a total of 10 fire and medical calls within the last month.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 18, 2023, Budget Regular Council Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval.

[Councilmember A. Langhorst made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 18, 2023, Budget Regular Council Meeting Minutes Councilmember N. Dagle seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, D. Lingle absent.](#)

Special Guests and Visitor Comment

City Residents' letters of interest to fill the current vacant council seat had been included in the meeting packet. One Letter of Interest was received from Ken Grey, who had been present at the meeting. The council had a brief discussion about the candidate.

N. Dagele made a motion to appoint Ken Grey to the previously declared Council Vacancy under Resolution 2023-19 A Resolution Filling A Previously Declared Council Vacancy, seconded by A Langhorst. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, D. Lingle absent.

Ken Grey was sworn in by the City Clerk/Treasurer as a Sturgeon Lake City Councilmember.

Financial Report

Claims Paid: The Clerk/Treasurer presented the claims paid to the council. Any questions the council had about the Claims Paid were answered satisfactorily by the Clerk/Treasurer.

Councilmember A. Langhorst made a motion to approve Claims Paid, seconded by Councilmember N. Dagele. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, D. Lingle absent.

Unpaid Claims: The Clerk/Treasurer presented the Unpaid Claims to the council. Any questions the council had about the Unpaid Claims were answered satisfactorily by the Clerk/Treasurer.

- Total Control Systems, Inc Inv 1838 \$ 6,809.11
 1. 6/15/23 Well House analog card was replaced, and Tower PLC reloaded and tested
 2. 6/16 replaced PLC at Tower

- Petersen's Door Service LLC. Inv 22915 \$ 306.50

Councilmember A. Langhorst made a motion to approve the Unpaid Claims, seconded by Councilmember N. Dagele. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, D. Lingle absent.

Financial Report/Review: The Clerk/Treasurer presented the Financial Report/Review. Any questions the council had were answered satisfactorily by the Clerk/Treasurer. A revised Monthly Fund Report to be sent after the meeting.

Councilmember A. Langhorst made a motion to approve the Financial Report/Review, seconded by Councilmember N. Dagele. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, D. Lingle absent.

Reports of Departments

Cemetery Committee: CIP was on site to help level the headstones that had been extremely bad and cleaned them as well.

Compost Committee: No update. Keeping area mowed.

Park Committee: No update. Mayor Helfman said to reach out to Mark with the Lions as they would like to make the Park their 2024 Project and are very excited about it.

Public Works: At this time two curbs have been painted this year. CIP is scheduled for three more visits before the end of the year. Paint is being stored so it does not get damaged if it gets cold. CIP is also scheduled to stain the Pavilion at the City Park. CIP is already being scheduled for 2024. Need to coordinate the schedule for 2024 to have CIP work on the Park Trail. The trailer door was fixed. The new tires have been put on the generators. There is a hornet's nest near the front doors of City Hall. Been treating it for over a month now and the issues have improved a little. Suspect they are in the wall between the stucco in the building.

Roads: The trailer lights are not working. Larry is to make a list and send it to Mayor Helfman and Councilmember N. Dagele so this can be looked at and resolved. Mike Buetow graded after the rain. He will go around to place gravel. The roads are looking in great shape. Replacement of stop signs. Larry is to get a number and location of where the signs need to be replaced and/or straightened so they can be sent to Pine County to replace the actual stop signs. The Cathedral Pines Street sign is still misspelled.

Solid Waste: no update

Storage Facility: Kiminiski's will be scheduled to come in to do the paving work around the storage lockers. The question was asked how many units are open at this time. There are a total of nine units available, five large and four small.

Water/Sewer Operator: Nothing broken. John Mikrot will take care of the DMR's going forward with no price increase at this time. The generator tires have been replaced. Need to get them scheduled for service so they are ready to go in case of any emergency.

Zoning: Four recent building permits were reviewed, and all look good.

City Clerk Treasurer: UB Pay is online and available for residents to make payments via the website. Almost completed updating the Wellhead Protection Plan. Updating the Budget. Continue to work on the Lead Service Line Inventory cross-referencing with addresses and permits to confirm owners and who has how many lines. Continue to work on 2024 Water Sewer Assessment Delinquent List, Completed LMCIT Property/Casualty Renewal Application – waiting on some information on questions from LMCIT and North Risk Partners regarding new information that has been requested by LMCIT that had not been in the previous LMCIT Property/Casualty, 2024 Liquor License Renewal are ready to go once the state form is received. Several complaints about Barking Dogs on Blueberry Lane. Mayor Helfman pointed out that people should also call Pine County to make a complaint under the county ordinance. City Clerk to research and post information on the website and at the front of City Hall. FFA Signs are here and ready to be posted on the Welcome to Sturgeon Lake signs. The City Clerk/Treasurer will move them to the Public Works cabinet so they can complete the installation.

Mayor: No update that he hasn't already talked about.

New Business

Representative Jeff Dotseth Local Bonding Tour is scheduled for September 21st at 11:00 am. At this time, it is unclear if additional representatives will be coming with.

Old Business

Senator Jason Rarick was joined by five other senators, Sandra Pappas, Nick Frentz, John Jasinski, Scott Dibble, and on September 5, 2023, to tour the Fire Hall and City Hall. Everyone could see the need for a new facility. Fire Chief Al Cekalla brought out one of the fire trucks to showcase the tight space at the current location. More information to follow over the next few months as the funding requests are reviewed.

2024 Proposed Levy Certification was discussed by the council. It was agreed upon by the council to increase the levy by 5 % to bring the 2024 amount to \$207,900.00.

[Councilmember A. Langhorst made a motion to accept the 2024 Proposed Levy Certification, seconded by K. Grey. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, D. Lingle absent.](#)

Budget Review

Review and discussion of 2024 budget revenue and expenses. The Council discussed needed adjustments that will be ready to review at the October 10, 2023, meeting.

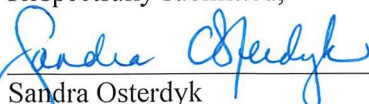
Announcements

The next Regular City Council Meeting – The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment

[A. Langhorst made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by N. Dagle. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor, D. Lingle absent. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm](#)

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Osterdyk
City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Sturgeon Lake



Scott Helfman
Mayor, City of Sturgeon Lake