



**Regular City Council Meeting
February 22, 2022 at 6 pm
Sturgeon Lake City Hall**

The following council members were present at the hall: Mayor Todd Danelski, Council member Jason Swanson, Council member Erica Rasmussen and Council member Kris Philipps.

The following council members were absent: Council member Rick Lewis.

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

The following city staff members were absent: none

Members of the public that were present: Kelli Swanson, Emily Danelski, and Scott Helfman

Call to order: Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Mayor Danelski called the Organizational Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 11, 2022 Organizational / Regular City Council Meeting were submitted for approval.

[J. Swanson made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2022 Organizational / Regular City Council Meeting as submitted, E. Rasmussen seconded the motion. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor with a roll call vote.](#)

Special Guest

No Special Guests in attendance

Fire Department Report

Fire Department Report: Fire Chief Al Cekalla reported they have been busy with 8 medical calls with 2 aides for the month. A few of the local fire department members will be attending upcoming electric vehicle training in Superior, WI. The Fire Department received a \$500 check from the Moose Lake Area 01/98 Chamber of Commerce for the Fire Relief Association.

Financial Report

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

[E. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Financial Report/Review, seconded by J. Swanson. Motion carried with a roll call vote with all members present voting in favor.](#)

Approval for Payment Review:

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| Total Control | \$3,883.00 | VFD #5 Lift Station repair final bill lower than what was originally quoted |
| Banyon | \$1,680.00 | Yearly support |
| Minnesota Power | \$1,047.38 | Increase due to heater on at Wellhouse |
| People Service | \$1,550.00 | Monthly Water/Wastewater Service |

[E. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Financial Report/Review, seconded by J. Swanson. Motion carried with a roll call vote with all members present voting in favor.](#)

Financial Report/Review: The Clerk/Treasurer presented the Financial Report/Review. Any questions the council had were answered satisfactorily by the Clerk/Treasurer.

[E. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Financial Report/Review, seconded by J. Swanson. Motion carried with a roll call vote with all members present voting in favor.](#)

Reports of Departments

Roads: K. Philipps reported Scott is out sanding. There has been an issue twice where all the roads have been sanded when just the intersections should have been. There was an email from a local resident regarding an exchange between the resident and plow driver over going too fast.

Solid Waste: E. Rasmussen reported there was no new issues to report.

Park Advisory Committee: T. Danelski reported there was no update.

Storage Facility: T. Danelski reported there was no update.

Water/Sewer Operator: Mark Noyes reported everything looks good. Lift Station has been fixed. Lift Station #3 pump needs to be pulled and cleaned. He has the information for jetting to be done by a new company to come clean and jet. Hopeful the leak is fixed at Timberline. The additional three omni beacons will be installed over the next month.

Cemetery: The council passed along their condolences to Scott Helfman for loss of his father, longtime former mayor, Tom Helman who will be buried in the spring.

City Clerk Treasurer: S. Osterdyk reported she is adjusted to the new role.

Cybert PC is planning to be onsite in March to complete install at City and they are working with Genesis on wifi at the watertower. More details to follow.

City of Sturgeon Lake website has been updated.

Direct Deposit for employees was present for consideration.

Going through files it was discovered that the City of Sturgeon Lake has not completed a Tier II report for the MN Department of Health so starting in 2022 one will be submitted to ensure the city is in compliance with required guidelines.

Zoning: Need an updated final map.

Public Works Reports: New enclosed work tent is working great.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

Res. No 2022-07 A Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-15 of the City of Sturgeon Lake approving the Sale of City Owned Property:

[T. Danelski made a motion to accept Res. No 2022-07 A Resolution Amending Resolution 2020-15 of the City of Sturgeon Lake approving the Sale of City Owned Property, amending the closing date of March 11, 2022, seconded by J. Swanson. Motion carried with a roll-call vote with all members present voting in favor.](#)

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Questionnaire

In March all residents will be sent a postcard questionnaire to be completed and returned asking for their input on what they want to see improved in the community.

Additional postcards will be available at the kiosk at city hall and available to be printed off the website.

The City of Sturgeon Lake is looking to the future, and we need your input.

Like many communities around the nation, we are looking at an aging infrastructure. We need to prepare now since it can take many years to plan, budget and pursue funding for community improvements. The first step is to create a short- and long-term Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Some community improvement projects may be very small like flower garden beautification or large like Fire Hall replacement. We want to hear from the residents of Sturgeon Lake on areas that we need to focus our attention to improve our community. The Fire Hall/City Hall/Community Center facility is on the plan for evaluation and consideration. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts, concerns, suggestions on the following areas:

Roads/Streets/Sidewalks: _____

Parks/Community Center: _____

Trails/Recreation: _____

PublicSafety: _____

Please return before April 1, 2022, to the City Hall by either USPS mail or drop off in the Payment box at the Sturgeon Lake City Hall. If you have any questions call the City Clerk, Sandy at (218) 372-3391. ***Thank you in advance for your assistance!***

Announcements

Next Regular City Council Meeting – The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6pm.

Adjournment

[E. Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Swanson. Motion carried with a roll-call vote with all members present voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.](#)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Osterdyk, City Clerk/Treasurer

Todd Danelski, Mayor