

City of Battle Lake Council Meeting August 15, 2017

The Battle Lake City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 7:00 p.m. at the Battle Lake City Hall. The regularly scheduled meeting on August 8, 2017 was recessed to this date due to a lack of quorum of the council. Mayor Gene Kelm called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members Don Maslow, Marjorie Quammen, and Ryan Christensen present. Absent was John A. Salveold. Also present were City Attorney, JJ Cline; Clerk/Treasurer, Val Martin; Police Chief, Kent Kortlever; Liquor Store Manager, Adam Freyholtz and Public Works Superintendent, Steve Seufert. Additional visitors were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The variance hearing scheduled for August 7, 2017 was postponed until September 12, 2017. It was noted that the property owners agreed to an extension of the 60-day rule and a letter was sent to them confirming this.

Variance hearing is rescheduled

Maslow moved to approve the agenda. Christensen seconded. MCU

Visitors

No visitors at this meeting. The scheduled visitors will attend the September council meeting.

Christensen moved to approve the consent agenda:

- Treasurer's Report*
- Minutes*
- Claims List for a total of \$420,738.59*
- Extra Hours Report*
- Special Event Permit for First National Bank/First Savers Club at Lions Park on August 15, 2017*

Consent Agenda

Maslow seconded. MCU

Liquor Store Report: Freyholtz reported on the municipal liquor store. Sales for July were up 6.4% over last year's sales. Yearly sales are up 4.99% overall. Sunday sales were reviewed. Overall, it appears that adding Sunday sales was worth doing but it is apparent that sales were decreased on both Saturday and Monday due to adding Sunday sales. The liquor store will close on Sundays after Labor Day weekend until probably Fishing Opener weekend. Due to low sales, Freyholtz reported they will no longer be open on Memorial Day or Labor Day holidays. Freyholtz wished to hire a couple of additional employees. He will work with the Employee Relations Committee to set up interviews for the applications that are on hand.

LQ Report

Police Department Report: Police Chief Kent Kortlever reported on July activities, mileage and training.

Police Report

Rescue Squad Report: Written report received.

Rescue Report

Fire Department Report: Written report received.

Fire Dept Report

Public Works Report: Seufert noted the following:

- Art Stream Alley – the fish sculpture is leaning as it does not have enough of a concrete base. The artist will assist with the move as it needs to be taken apart correctly. There is a fee for her assistance but the funds can come out of the art grant. It will be moved to the opposite side of the alley so more of a base can be poured. The project will be done this fall.
- There are several stumps that need to get ground up.
- The current snowmobile trail goes along the new sidewalks and on the property where the Paulson apartments are located. They would like to move it and use a portion of the City's farm for the trail. Maslow made a motion to approve. Quammen seconded. MCU Martin will check with insurance agent to see if we need to add this to our policy.
- Public works will be jetting sewer lines sometime after school starts.

Public Works Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BL Motor Patrol – meeting was held last night. New road grader is working well.

**BL Motor
Patrol**

BL Area Fire & Rescue – minutes received. There are a few issues to correct with the new building. The grass rig should be here by the end of September. New turnout gear is being ordered.

BLAFRA

LACC: Kelm reported. New signage on the front of the building was installed to make it more apparent that it is a community center and not a church. Seufert noted that some additional signage will be added at the community center directing people to the trail extension which goes from the school to Halverson Park. The web-site is back up and running after some issues with the hosting company.

LACC

Tri-City Housing Meeting – Minutes received. Martin and Kelm presented report.

**Tri-City
Living**

Economic Development Authority: Minutes and financials received. The Business Retention and Expansion program is well underway with the training for the task force coming up on August 23rd. Council members are encourage to participate if they are not already involved.

EDA

Emergency Management/Safety Committee – Kortlever presented report. There was some discussion of the use of drones in Battle Lake. Kortlever suggested the council look at putting an ordinance in place.

**Emergency
Management**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Martin reported that Jeremy Flatau from MnDOT is hoping to get information back from their attorneys and get the Limited Use Permit completed within the next two weeks.

MnDOT/LUP

The second open house for the Battle Lake to Ashby trail will be held on Monday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. in Ashby.

**BL to Ashby
Trail**

Reminder to take NIMS training if you have not already completed it.

NIMS

NEW BUSINESS

A letter of resignation was received from Jan Slater as she intends to retire. Quammen moved to approve and to thank her for her years of service. Maslow seconded. MCU The position will be kept open and in the budget but Martin suggested we not fill it at this time.

**Jan Slater
Resignation**

Water and sewer service discussion for the childcare center tabled until the next meeting.

**Childcare
center**

Adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Valerie J. Martin, Clerk/Treasurer