

EASTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Easton City Council was held at the Easton Community Center Wednesday November 10th at 6:00 PM. In attendance: Mayor Bryant Stiernagle, Council Members Jon Rath, Jenny Stiernagle, Gayle Heise & Tony Stevermer and City Clerk Rose Doyle.

Public in attendance was Ryan Sonnek, Jeff Amy and Ann and Louis Rowcliff.

Motion by Jenny Stiernagle second by Jon Rath to approve the minutes of the October 13th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to accept financials. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Police: No Report

Fire: Fire Chief Ryan Sonnek relayed to council there are some OSHA issues that need to be addressed but will put in the budget for the next year. Mac tanker is leaking B&D Metal said repair could be done for approximately \$2000-\$3000. Motion by Jon Rath second by Jenny Stiernagle to approve repair at said amount. Motion carried. Chief is requesting LMC rep for another inspection to show they are making improvements. Swehla Excavating was contacted regarding construction on installing an indoor water filling outlet for fire trucks. Swhela indicated he would donate the man hours and equipment to get the piping installed. Chief also indicated a 200 ft hose became unattached from truck returning from Wells Concrete fire and did strike 2 vehicles, however owners have not turned in a claim so until a claim is submitted then will go forward submitting a claim into insurance.

Public Works: Travis Winter with Bolton & Menk, via phone, gave an updated report on construction project. There are a few items left to complete. Not sure if all the sodding will be completed this fall, depending on the weather. The 30 day responsibility of the project of sod care will be extended to the spring of 2022. Winter also indicated to council phase 2 of the project will begin this winter with bidding etc. as the project has been approved and the city's portion of the project is \$207,000.00 and are receiving \$3,666,000.00 in grant funds. Great news for our city. The driveway at 55 Cedar St was discussed. Winter was going to take a look at it. Benco will be contacted regarding street lights which need to be turned back on. Jeff Amy stated water hydrant flags will be installed soon. Water complaints have been addressed. Mayor thanks council for everyone's patience and hard work they have put into this project.

Streets & Buildings: Motion by Jon Rath second by Gaye Heise to increase the wage of janitor at community center and post office by \$5.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion by Jenny Stiernagle, second by Jon Rath to approve installation of the post office side furnace by ESCO Co. Motion carried.

Tri City: No report

Park & Rec: No report

Old Business: Garbage issue at 36 Elm St. was discussed and the problem will be addressed so resident will abide by city nuisance ordinance in place by the city.

New Business:

City may be eligible for a grant for Faribault County for hot spots for the city. After some discussion council felt it was not in the best interest of the city to accept the hotspots.

The mayor explained the invitation from OPS Clinic of Blue Earth and Mapleton for the fire department and first responder members a reduced rate on annual medical exams which would be paid by the city. Motion by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to approve this offer from the clinic. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to make a request to the Faribault County Board to revoke the payment made on the foreclosed property at 41 Date St. Motion carried.

Motion by Jenny Stiernagle second by Jon Rath to request city attorney to draw a resolution to revoke the mail ballot option for upcoming elections. Motion carried.

A request was presented to the city to be able to present an award to Bjorn Olson at the city December meeting. Council approved the presentation.

MN Joint Power Agreement and ordinance establishing fees for emergency protection fire services for property within city limits was reviewed pending approval at December meeting.

otion by Jon Rath second by Gayle Heise to approve the Resolution for the \$207,000.00 loan for USDA for Phase 2 Project. Motion carried.

With no further business motion by Gayle Heise second by Jon Rath to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Next regular meeting will be held December 08 2021 at 6:00PM at the community center.

Mayor

Clerk