

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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JANUARY 13, 2020

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers**
 - Mayor Erickson called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, January 13th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Erickson, Council Members Amundsen, Wilson, Sebring and Harju. Also present were members of the Public, Staff and Press.

- 2. Approval of Agenda**
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve the agenda, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

- 3. Public Hearings**
 - **None**

- 4. Public Forum**
 - a. Utility Waiver Request**
 - Amanda Racine – 110 6th St SW requested a waiver to the sewer portion of the utility bill.
 - No Action taken by the council.
 - b. Deputy Sheriff's Report**
 - Wright County Sheriff's Deputy gave an update to the council of the month's activity.

- 5. Consent Agenda Items**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
 - b. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2019 Special City Council Meeting**
 - c. Approval of Minutes from December 23, 2019 Special City Council Meeting**
 - d. Res No 2020-01 – Pre-Authorization of Claim Payments**
 - e. Res No 2020-02 – Correcting 2020 Expenditure Budget**
 - f. Res No 2020-03 – Accepting Donation to Fire Department**
 - g. Res No 2020-04 – Accepting Donation to Ambulance Service**
 - h. Res No 2020-05 – Accepting Donation for Peterson Park**
 - i. Authorizing 2019 Ambulance Write-offs**
 - **Item h. Res No 2020-05 – Accepting Donation for Peterson Park was pulled for discussion.**
 - **Motion** by Sebring to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
 - Councilmember Amundsen asked what the donation to Peterson Park would be used for. Council discussed and decided money would be used for future projects at Peterson Park.
 - **Motion** by Amundsen to approve Res No 2020-05 – Accepting Donation for Peterson Park, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

- 6. Mayors Report**
 - a. Fire Department Annual Report and Approval of Officers**
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve the list of Officers as presented, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye. Sebring abstained.
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve the Annual Fire Report, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
 - b. Recognizing Retirement of Jim Winkelman from Fire Department**
 - **Motion** by Sebring to accept the Retirement of Jim Winkelman from Fire Department, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

- Council thanked Mr. Winkelman for his 25 years of service.
- c. Res No 2020-06 – Approving New Hires for Fire Department**
 - **Motion** by Sebring to approve Res No 2020-06 – Approving New Hires for Fire Department, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
- d. Ambulance Annual Report and Approval of Officers**
 - **Motion** by Wilson to approve the Annual Ambulance Report and Officers as presented, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.
 - Councilmember conveyed his appreciation for the Fire and Ambulance service.
- e. Museum Annual Report**
 - Museum Director Ellison was unable to attend, she will present the report at the next regular council meeting.
- f. Res No 2020-07 – Approving Annual Appointments**
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2020-07 – Approving Annual Appointments leaving the police commission vacant, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
 - Other vacancies on the appointment list will be filled when a new administrator is found.
- g. Res No 2020-08 – Approving Encroachment Agreement**
 - **Motion** by Sebring to approve Res No 2020-08 – Approving Encroachment Agreement, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
- h. Jackson/4th Street Alley Discussion**
 - **Motion** by Harju to Vacate the alley and retain the drainage and utility easements, seconded by Sebring, voting aye Sebring, voting nay Erickson, Harju, Amundsen and Wilson, motion fails 1-4.
 - No action taken by the council.
- i. City Center Road Project Discussion**
 - City engineer Halvorson updated the council on the timeline for the proposed road and utility project.
 - Staff will contact Ehlers to request a special meeting to discuss the financial aspects of the project.
- j. Status Report – Administrator Search**
 - Applications will be accepted through January 24th, personnel committee will review applicants and bring a recommendation to the next regular meeting.

7. Public Works/Parks

- a. Authorizing Repairs to Generator**
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve the repairs to the South generator by Ziegler in the amount of \$1,094.52, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
- b. Res No 2020-09 – Approving Additional Hire – Ice Rink Attendant**
 - **Motion** by Amundsen to approve Res No 2020-09 – Approving Additional Hire – Ice Rink Attendant, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

8. Financial Reports

- a. Approval of Claims – \$587,111.21**
 - **Motion** by Sebring to approve claims in the amount of \$587,111.21, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.
- b. Cash and Budget Reports**
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve Cash & Budget reports as presented, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

9. Reports & Information

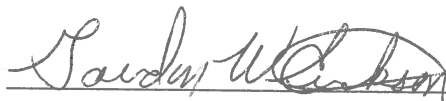
- a. **Reminder – City Hall Closed Monday, January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**
- b. **Reminder – Fire Commission Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – Fire & Ambulance Station**
- c. **Other FYI**

10. Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn by Harju, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Andrew Carlson, City Clerk



Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor