

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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MAY 13, 2019

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

- Mayor Erickson called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, April 8th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Erickson, Council Members Amundsen, Martinson, Sebring and Harju. Also present were members of the Public, Staff and Press.

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion** by Harju to approve the agenda with the addition of 6g. Council Appointment, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

3. Public Hearings

- **None**

4. Public Forum

a. 1st St SW Drainage – Perry Siltala

- Perry Siltala asked the council about what was being done to address his drainage concern at 1st St SW. City Engineer is currently researching the issue.

b. Children’s Triathlon – Brooks Helget

- Brooks Helget asked for the city’s assistance in placing safety cones on Highway 12 at Sunset and Johnson Avenues. This would help drivers be more aware of students participating in the annual DC Triathlon. He has already contacted the Wright County Sheriff to assist with this.
- Motion by Sebring to approve a partial closure of the Highway 12 shoulder pending MnDOT approval and use of cones, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

c. Request for Fee Waiver

- **Motion** by Sebring to waive a portion of the sewer bill at 765 Mooers Ave SE based on the average usage, seconded by Harju, voting aye – Erickson, Harju, Martinson and Sebring, voting nay – Amundsen, Motion passes 4-1.

d. Agnes Belanger

- Agnes Belanger addressed the council about the need for safety improvements at the intersection of Sunset Ave and Highway 12. She has witnessed several instances of vehicles driving at excessive speeds and not stopping for pedestrians.

e. Art Schliep

- Art Schliep addressed the council about the need for a crosswalk on the east side of the city on Highway 12. He feels that with the additions of the new public safety building and the Elim Mission Church there is a need for a crosswalk for increased pedestrian traffic.

5. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
- b. Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2019 Special City Council Meeting**
- c. Res No 2019-16 – Approving Waiver of Statutory Tort Limits**
- d. Res No 2019-17 – Approving 2019 Seasonal Hires for Community Pool**
- e. Res No 2019-18 – Approving Solar Contract Amendments**
- f. Res No 2019-19 – Approving Changes to Signatories**

- g. Res No 2019-20 – Accepting Donation to Fire Department**
- h. Res No 2019-21 – Accepting Donation to Ambulance Service**
- i. Authorization to Complete Manhole Repairs**
- j. Approval for Aerator Purchases**
- k. Authorization to Complete Spring Street Patching**
- l. Authorization to Complete Spring Concrete Repairs**

- Councilmember Harju asked to pull items e, g and h for discussion.
- **Motion** by Sebring to approve Consent Agenda items a, b, c, d, f, l, j, k and l, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.
- Councilmember Harju thanked the Cokato Community Chest for their donations to the Ambulance and Fire Department. He also noted an address correction that would have to be made to the solar agreement.
- **Motion** by Harju to approve Consent Agenda items e, g and h, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

6. Mayors Report

a. Res No 2019-22 – Approving Final Plat for Elim Mission Church

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-22 – Approving Final Plat for Elim Mission Church, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

b. Res No 2019-23 – Approving Variance

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-23 – Approving Variance, seconded by Amundsen, all voted aye.

c. Res No 2019-24 – Approving Driveway Easement for Wright Hennepin Electric

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve Res No 2019-24 – Approving Driveway Easement for Wright Hennepin Electric, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

d. Res No 2019-25 – Approving Temporary Construction Easement for Wright Hennepin Electric

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-25 – Approving Temporary Construction Easement for Wright Hennepin Electric, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

e. Approving Amendment to Land Lease with Anderson Seeds

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve Amendment to Land Lease with Anderson Seeds, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

f. Accepting Resignation of Teresa Martinson from City Council

- **Motion** by Harju to Accept the Resignation of Teresa Martinson from the City Council effective at the end of 5/13/19 regular meeting, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

g. Council Appointment

- **Motion** by Harju to Appoint Kevin Wilson as Councilmember, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

7. Public Works/Parks

a. Authorization to Solicit Quotes for Water Main Extension

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Authorization to Solicit Quotes for Water Main Extension, seconded by Amundsen, after discussion no action was taken, motion failed.
- **Motion** by Harju to rescind the previous motion, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- **Motion** by Harju to Authorize the Engineer to Draw up Plans and Specs for the Water Main Extension, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

b. Authorization to Bid FieldCrest Blvd Reconstruction Project

- **Motion** by Sebring to Authorize Plans and Specifications for FieldCrest Blvd Reconstruction Project, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye. Bid authorization to be reconsidered at next meeting.
- c. Authorization for City Engineer to Assist with Water Meter Project Specifications**
 - **Motion** by Harju to table this item until a later meeting, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- d. Status Report - Crosswalk Lights and Radar Speed Signs**
 - Installation of radar signs will begin this week.
- e. Authorization to Solicit Quotes for 2019 Seal Coat Project**
 - No action taken
- f. Authorization to Post Seasonal Public Works Position**
 - **Motion** by Amundsen to approve Authorization to Post Regular Public Works Position, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye. Staff will reach out to existing seasonal pool staff for additional assistance until the full time position is filled. No action taken on the request to post a Seasonal Public Works position.
- g. Approval for Purchase and Installation of Pump for Veterans Park**
 - **Motion** by Martinson to approve purchase and installation of a submersible pump for Veteran's Park, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

8. Financial Reports

a. Approval of Claims – \$276,881.77

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve claims in the amount of \$276,881.77, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

b. Cash and Budget Reports

- **Motion** by Sebring to approve Cash & Budget Reports, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

9. Reports & Information

- a. FYI – Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes from April 8, 2019 Meeting
- b. FYI – Planning & Zoning Commission Draft Minutes from May 6, 2019 Meeting
- c. FYI – Police Advisory Commission Draft Minutes from April 9, 2019 Meeting
- d. FYI – Park Commission Draft Minutes from May 8, 2019 Meeting
- e. Other FYI

10. Adjournment

- **Motion** by Martinson to adjourn, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

Andrew Carlson, City Clerk

Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor