

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
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OCTOBER 8, 2018

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

- Mayor Erickson called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, October 8th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Erickson, Council-members Amundsen, Boger, 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 6j. Council Meetings and 7b. City Hall Sump Pump, seconded by Boger, all voted aye.

3. Public Hearings

- **None**

4. Public Forum

a. Dassel-Cokato School District – Jeff Powers

- Superintendent Powers presented the council with information regarding the upcoming school district bond and levy referendum.

b. East Mobile Home Park Fee Waiver Request

- **Motion** by Boger to deny the fee waiver request, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

c. Fee Waiver Request – Robert Lasanen

- **Motion** by Boger to waive \$200 on the sewer portion of the utility bill, No second. Motion died for lack of second. No action taken.

d. Highway 12 Accident Update – Capt. Sean Deringer, Wright County Sheriff's Office

- Captain Deringer appeared before the council to update the council on the Highway 12 accident that resulted in a fatality.

e. Highway 12 Accident - Sunset Ave Neighborhood Residents

i. Highway 12 Signage Request

- Sharon Pulver, Grace Westling and Linda Lambert appeared before the council to address safety, signage and speed issues on Highway 12.
- **Motion** by Harju to approve spending up to \$8000.00 on digital speed signs for use on Highway 12, seconded by Boger all voted aye.
- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve having the city engineer look into updating the crosswalk lighting system on Highway 12, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

ii. Sunset Ave Signage Request

- **Motion** by Amundsen to install School Bus signs on Sunset Ave, seconded by Boger, all voted aye.

5. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting

b. Approve Minutes of September 25, 2018 Special City Council Meeting

c. Authorization to Post Seasonal Ice Rink Positions

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Boger, all voted aye.

6. Mayors Report

a. Quarterly Museum Report

- Mike Worcester, Museum Director, appeared before the council and gave an update on the museum.

b. Res No 2018-43 – Approving Variance

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2018-43 – Approving Variance, seconded by Amundsen, all voted aye.

c. Approving Purchase Agreement for Trailstone Lot

- **Motion** by Harju to approve the Purchase Agreement for Trailstone Lot as presented, seconded by Boger, all voted aye.

d. Res No 2018-44 – Approving New Hire for Ambulance Service

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve Res No 2018-44 – Approving New Hire for Ambulance Service, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

e. Approving Use of City Parking Lot for Church Gathering

- **Motion** by Boger to approve Use of City Parking Lot for Church Gathering, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

f. Reschedule November City Council Meeting Date

- Due to the Veteran's Day Holiday the November Regular Meeting will be held Wednesday November 14th at 5:00pm at Cokato City Hall.

g. Old Fire Hall Discussion

- **Motion** by Harju to approve sale of the old fire barn to Brent Minkinen for \$100,000.00 with the following conditions: Addition of 3 new jobs, 3 year business commitment, and the proceeds of sale will go to meeting storage needs of the museum and other community organizations, seconded by Amundsen. Voting aye were Boger, Sebring, Harju and Amundsen, Voting nay was Erickson. Motion passes 4-1.

h. Authorizing Fire Department Grant Application

- **Motion** by Harju to Authorize the Fire Department Grant Application, seconded by Boger, all voted aye.

i. Authorizing Installation of Non-slip Flooring in Ambulance Bays

- **Motion** by Boger to approve Installation of Non-slip Flooring in Ambulance Bays by B&B Flooring Inc in the amount of \$8,800.00, seconded by Erickson, all voted aye.

j. Council Meetings

- Councilmember Amundsen asked the council if they should consider moving council meetings down to the new public safety building.
- Staff will check with the cable commission to see if the video/broadcasting equipment could be installed at the public safety building.

7. Public Works/Parks

a. 4th Street SE – Request for Stop Signs

- Council directed the Public Works Committee to work with the Public Works Director to determine the placement of signs on 4th Street SE.

b. City Hall Sump Pump

- The Public Works Director informed the council that the city hall sump pump would be diverted to the sanitary sewer over the winter months to avoid any issues with ice build-up.

8. Financial Reports

a. Approval of Claims – \$230,477.37

- **Motion** by Harju to approve claims in the amount of \$230,477.37, seconded by Boger, all voted aye.

b. Cash and Budget Reports

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

9. Reports & Information

- a. Reminder – Eagle Scouts Little Free Library Dedication November 1, 2018, Noon – Unity Park**
- b. Reminder – General Election Tuesday, November 6, 2018 – 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
- c. Reminder – City Hall Closed Monday, November 12, 2018 for Veterans Day**
- d. FYI – Planning & Zoning Commission Draft Minutes from October 1, 2018 Meeting**
- e. FYI – Parks Commission Draft Minutes from September 10, 2018 Meeting**
- f. Other FYI**

10. Adjournment

- **Motion** by Sebring to adjourn, seconded by Boger, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm

Andrew Carlson, City Clerk

Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor