

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
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**NOVEMBER 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, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Erickson, Council Members Amundsen, Harju, Wilson. Members absent were Council Member Sebring. 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 6k. Utility Waiver Request, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**3. Public Hearings**

- **None**

**4. Public Forum**

**a. Rental Fee Waiver Request – Robin Somers**

- **Motion** by Wilson to approve the rental fee waiver request, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

**5. Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting**
- b. Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2019 Special Work Session Meeting**
- c. Approval of Rental Fee Waiver for Stuttering Support Group - Abrahamson**
- d. Res No 2019-50 – Accepting Donation to Fire Department**
- e. Res No 2019-51 – Accepting Donation to Ambulance Service**
- f. Res No 2019-52 – Accepting Donation to City of Cokato**
- g. Res No 2019-53 – Accepting Donation to City of Cokato**
- h. Res No 2019-54 – Accepting Grant Award from Compeer Financial**
- i. Ord No 2019-05 – Amendment to Cable Franchise Agreement**
- j. Res No 2019-55 – Appointing Election Judges for 2020 Elections**

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

**6. Mayors Report**

**a. Closed Session – Attorney/Client Privilege – Abatement of 115 Cokato St E**

- Meeting was closed at 6:10 pm
- Meeting was reopened at 6:25 pm
- **Motion** by Wilson to approve the settlement agreement, seconded by Amundsen, all voted aye.

**b. Abatement Discussion for 145 4<sup>th</sup> St SE**

- Steve Bonnick – property owner and Susan Wederath – tenant addressed the council about animal control issues at 145 4<sup>th</sup> St SE. The council directed staff to look into other cities' animal policies.

**c. Res No 2019-56 – Approving Conditional Use Permit – Cokato Manor**

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-56 – Approving Conditional Use Permit – Cokato Manor, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**d. Res No 2019-57 – Approval of Rezoning Request – IPS Solar**

- Councilmember Amundsen recused himself for items 6d and 6e.
- **Motion** by Wilson to approve Res No 2019-57 – Approval of Partial Rezoning Request – IPS Solar, seconded by Harju, all voted aye. Amundsen abstained.

**e. Res No 2019-58 – Approving Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit – IPS Solar**

- **Motion** by Wilson to approve Res No 2019-58 – Approving Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit – IPS Solar, limiting the solar site to the NE 10 acres of the parcel and including the conditions set forth by the Planning & Zoning Committee, seconded by Harju, all voted aye, Amundsen abstained.

**f. Res No 2019-59 – Approving Purchase Agreement for Sale of Trailstone Lot**

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-59 – Approving Purchase Agreement for Sale of Trailstone Lot, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**g. Res No 2019-60 – Certifying Special Assessments for City Services**

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-60 – Certifying Special Assessments for City Services, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**h. Ord No 2020-01 – Draft Fee Schedule Ordinance for 2020**

- Council reviewed the proposed 2020 fee schedule and asked that the SAC and WAC fee waiver be removed for 2020. Will also revisit utility rates at next meeting when Rate Study comes back.

**i. Res No 2019-61 – Approving 6-Month Salary Increases for City Staff**

- **Motion** by Wilson to approve Res No 2019-61 – Approving 6-Month Salary Increases for City Staff, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

**j. Res No 2019-63 – Approving Personnel Policy Amendment**

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Res No 2019-63 – Approving Personnel Policy Amendment, seconded by Wilson. Voting aye - Erickson, Harju and Wilson, voting nay – Amundsen, Motion passed 3-1.

**k. Utility Waiver**

- 230 Olsen Blvd NE asked the council for a utility bill waiver due to a malfunctioning water softener.
- **Motion** by Amundsen to deny the request, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**7. Public Works/Parks**

**a. Res No 2019-62 – Approving Reimbursement Resolution for City Center Road Project**

- **Motion** by Wilson to approve Res No 2019-62 – Approving Reimbursement Resolution for City Center Road Project, seconded by Erickson. Voting aye – Erickson, Harju and Wilson, voting nay – Amundsen. Motion passed 3-1.

**b. Authorization to Complete Window Repairs – City Hall**

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve the estimate from Arrow Glass in the amount of \$1,593.56 to repair windows at City Hall, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

**c. Authorization for Engineer’s Estimate for Museum Building HVAC**

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Authorization for Engineer’s Estimate for Museum Building HVAC, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**8. Financial Reports**

**a. Approval of Claims – \$114,588.73**

- **Motion** by Amundsen to approve claims in the amount of \$114,588.73, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

**b. Cash and Budget Reports**

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

**9. Reports & Information**

- a. **Reminder – Dassel-Cokato Area Trail Meeting – November 14, 2019 at 5:00 pm – Dassel History Center**
- b. **Reminder – City Center Road Project Town Hall Meeting – November 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall**
- c. **Reminder – City Hall Closed November 28 & 29, 2019 for Thanksgiving Holiday**
- d. **FYI – Draft Minutes from Police Advisory Commission Meeting October 7, 2019**
- e. **FYI – Draft Minutes from Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting November 4, 2019**
- f. **Other FYI**

**10. Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Harju to adjourn, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

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Andrew Carlson, City Clerk

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Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor