

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 02, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marvin More at 7:12 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting was held remotely via video conference. Council Members on the video conference: Mayor More, Cindy Glamm, Duke Arndt and Randy Thompson. Council Members not available for the video conference: Dick Fitzloff. City Staff on the video conference: Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief, Thad Baker, Public Works Supervisor and Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer. Others on the video conference: Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor More welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND BILLS

A motion was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Thompson to approve the June meeting agenda. Motion carried with all in favor.

The minutes of the May 2020 Regular Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Thompson, seconded by Council Member Glamm and carried with all in favor.

The invoices and bills for the month of May 2020 were approved with a motion by Council Member Thompson, seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following Unfinished Business items were discussed:

MILL STREET/PARK STREET SOUTH PROJECT – Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) was present via video conference to discuss the proposed Mill Street/Park Street South Improvement Project. The Bid opening for the proposed project is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Domras noted that the substantial completion date for the project is 10-31-2020 with the final bituminous lift being done in 2021.

Clerk-Treasurer Seys noted that as a bonding requirement relating to the street portion of the proposed project the City Council will need to hold a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS – There were no New Business items to discuss.

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. Township Fire Contracts were discussed. Township Fire Contracts are renewed every three (3) years. The St. Clair Fire Dept. provides fire protection and emergency medical services for the City of St. Clair and portions of five (5) Townships (Decoria, LeRay, Mankato, McPherson and Medo). McPherson Township and Medo Township have approved the new 3-year contract. The contracts for McPherson Township and Medo Township have been approved. Fire Chief Fitzloff was unable to meet with LeRay Township on May 12th due to a house fire. Mankato Township had issues with the proposed Fire Contract. Representatives of the Decoria Township Board and the Mankato Township Board will be invited to attend a City Council meeting when in-person meetings are allowed. Tentatively Decoria Township July 7th and Mankato Township August 4th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Thad Baker reported on the following:

1. The old Toro 72" lawn mower was sold for \$3,000.
2. Memorial Park use was discussed. Clerk-Treasurer Seys will contact the League of MN Cities for their recommendation and research the CDC and MN Dept. of Health guidelines regarding park and playground use.
3. Public Works Supervisor Baker will contact David and Simon Kruse regarding the timeline for Simon Kruse's Eagle Scout project at Memorial Park. Clerk-Treasurer Seys will check the status of delivery of the 4' bench swing (ordered April 20th).
4. Street repair (seal coating) was briefly discussed. Annual crack sealing was completed earlier this spring.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. Serious computer issues required the City to purchase a new computer for the City Office. It was noted that the computer was over 10 years old.
2. St. Clair Days events and activities for 2020 have been cancelled except for the fireworks display. The fireworks display will be on Friday, June 26th at approx. 10 p.m.
3. ELECTION UPDATE:
 - The Primary Election is Tuesday, August 11th and the General Election, Tuesday, November 3rd.
 - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic numerous safety precautions will be implemented at the polling place including: 6' social distancing in voting lines, 6' between voting station, sanitizing of voting stations after each use, plexiglass shields at the election judge tables, hand sanitizer available to voters and separate entrance to and exit from the polling place.
 - The Blue Earth County Elections Dept. is encouraging Early Voting by Absentee Ballot. Information relating to Absentee Voting and Absentee Ballot Applications will be included with the June/July Newsletter.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. No Council Member attended the May School Board meeting.
2. The May and June meetings of the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks have been cancelled.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no comments from the public during this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The video conference meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Glamm seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer