

Warba City Council Meeting

January 19, 2016

The Warba city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kelly McCauley at 6:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said. Council members Denise Leppanen, Ellen Coffel and Jim Heinrichs were present. Clerk, Niki Mistelske, and Treasurer, Tami Elich, were also present. December minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Jim to accept with 2 changes – 1 regarding separating discussion of money for maintenance and request to seek grants for speed limit signage and the other change in reference to who made a motion and who seconded it. Approved 5-0. Special Meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Denise to approve. Approved with 4 voting for, 0 against, and Ellen abstained, stated she wasn't present for the entire Special Meeting. The Treasurer's report was presented. Denise made a motion, seconded by Niki to approve. Approved 5-0. The Claims List for Approval was presented. Ellen made a motion to approve, seconded by Denise. Approved 5-0.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Maintenance: David reported continued problems with plugged pumps at the lift station, completed the DNR Water Usage Report on-line, reported the last fluoride reading was too low, at .39, so may have to restart fluoride treatment of the water and with Jim's help, the belt on the snow blower has been replaced. David also reported meeting with Chris, Tracy and Ellen to initiate development of the City's Wellhead Protection Plan. This will be done with no additional cost to the City – Chris is the planner for the Protection Plan and Tracy is the hydrologist.

Community Center: Denise brought up discussion with Council on current hall rental rates and whether changes are needed to address lack of clean up, over night use, etc. She will put together a proposed rate schedule for discussion and approval next month. David reported he fixed a lock on one of the community center doors again..

Recreation: Jim had nothing new to report.

Fire: Kelly had nothing new to report other than a reminder of an upcoming meeting.

Cemetery: Tami also had nothing new to report other than an upcoming meeting.

Correspondence: The Council received an Itasca County Notice of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – this was informational and required no City action. The City also received Itasca County's Annual Report of Outstanding Indebtedness – this to be filled out by the Clerk and returned no later than Jan. 31.

Old Business: Niki noted that she hadn't followed up with a letter to the owners of Warba Tire to establish their intention with the facility and the tires remaining there, but will do so before the next meeting. Ellen shared more information gathered regarding electronic speed limit signage and requested authority to act with the City support to pursue grants to fund purchasing of 2 electronic speed signs. Niki made a motion authorizing Ellen to act with City support to pursue grants to fund purchasing of 2

electronic speed signs that obligated no cost to the City, seconded by Ellen. Approved 5-0.

New Business: 2016 designations for City bank, newspaper and attorney needed to be reaffirmed. Kelly made a motion, seconded by Denise to reaffirm Affinity Bank as the City's financial institution, the Grand Rapids Herald Review as the City's paper of publication and John Licke to remain as the City's attorney, seconded by Denise. Approved 5-0. Mayor pro tem designation was next up for discussion. Denise made a motion to appoint Jim as 2016 Mayor pro tem, seconded by Ellen. Approved 5-0. Committee assignments for 2016 were needed and the first point of discussion was Tami's current designation as City representative and Ellen's current designation as the City's at-large representative. A motion was made by Ellen, seconded by Kelly to switch designations now that Ellen is on the Council, she will be the City cemetery representative and Tami will be the City's at-large representative. Approved 5-0. Denise then made a motion, seconded by Ellen for all other committee designations to remain unchanged: Denise will remain with the community center, Kelly with Fire, Jim with recreation and Ellen now for cemetery. Approved 5-0. Ellen brought up discussion of opportunities to create a more interactive City: movie day, story telling, bike riding, rugby, a new years eve party – all thoughts to consider for how to bring the community together. Discussion also included questions of serving alcoholic beverages at the community center – Niki will research that question.

Special announcements: None

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Niki. Approved 5-0.