Members present: Mayor Ahrenstorff, Councilors Schultz, Wiens, and Cooper.

Staff members present: Taylor Gronau, City Administrator; Dean Tibbetts, Street and Maintenance Superintendent; Mike Maurer, Blue Earth County Sheriff’s Department; Jeff Becker, Fire Chief; Rhonda Ingebritson, Ambulance Chief; Brian Schultz, Ambulance Assistant Chief; Jeanine McDonald, Ambulance Secretary; Jamie Snow, Ambulance Training Officer; and Christopher Kennedy, City Attorney.

Others present: Don Marben, Lake Crystal Tribune

Call to Order: Mayor Ahrenstorff called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:
Councilor Wiens moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 Joint City Council/Public Utilities Commission Workshop. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Councilor Schultz moved and Councilor Wiens seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting of the City Council. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Approval of City Bills:
Councilor Cooper moved and Mayor Ahrenstorff seconded the motion to approve city bills totaling $104,163.59. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Ambulance Department Update:
- The crew is nearly ready to present a proposal to purchase a new ambulance.

Fire Department Update:
- The department participated in the Battle of the Bands Parade.
- The department will be hauling water, along with other area departments, for the Blue Earth County Fair.

Police Department Update:
- After a recent incident, the department has reviewed and changed its procedure regarding the handling of feral cats. All cats will now be brought to an animal shelter, provided the shelter has room.

Street Department Update:
- Provided an update on summer projects.
- 2018 curb projects will begin soon.

City Attorney Update:
- No report.
Administrator’s Update:
- A proposal for the construction of a dog park at Jones Park was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission. The matter was tabled until the July 16, 2018 meeting.
- With the wet weather, there have been several complaints about water nuisances.
- Staff has scheduled a design meeting with Bolton & Menk. The engineer has requested City Council input on whether to build traditional or drive-over curb. The City Council preferred traditional curb.
- The water tower project is behind schedule because of the wet weather.
- The Blue Earth County SHIP Program will be providing funding for the installation of bike racks at City Hall.

Action Items
A. Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2018 – 02: An Ordinance to Amend Title 15, Chapter 156 of the Lake Crystal Code of Ordinances Relating to Zoning Code: Zoning Map:
   Councilor Wiens moved and Mayor Ahrenstorff seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018 – 02. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

B. First reading of Ordinance No. 2018 - 03 - An Ordinance Establishing Fees for Emergency Protection Fire Services for Property Within the City:
   Councilor Wiens moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2018 – 03. A public hearing will be scheduled for the August 6 City Council meeting.

C. Consider approval of Resolution No. 1821, Resolution Approving the Issuance of Housing and Health Care Revenue Refunding Bonds (Ecumen—second Century and Owatonna Senior Living Project), Series 2018 and a Joint Powers Agreement and Other Documents
   Councilor Schultz moved and Councilor Wiens seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1821. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

D. Consider recommendation from Board of Zoning Adjustments regarding variance request from the Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School District:
   Councilor Cooper moved and Councilor Wiens seconded the motion to approve a 2 ft² variance from the thirty square feet (30 ft²) maximum area requirement for signs and allow the Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School District to construct a digital sign that is approximately thirty-two square feet (32 ft²) in area. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

E. Consider approval of estimate from Ullrich Construction, LLC to complete sidewalk repair in the downtown area:
   Councilor Cooper moved and Councilor Schultz seconded the motion to approve the estimate of $9,547.53 from Ullrich Construction, LLC for sidewalk removal and repair. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

F. Convene into closed session under Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 to consider the performance of Emergency Medical Technician, Nicole Wilson:
   Councilor Cooper moved and Councilor Wiens seconded the motion to convene into closed session at 8:02 p.m. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

G. Reconvene into open session:
   Councilor Schultz moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to end the closed
Session and reconvene into open session at 8:14 p.m. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

**H. Consider action on the performance of Emergency Medical Technician, Nicole Wilson**

Councilor Cooper moved and Councilor Wiens seconded the motion to approve the recommendation from the Ambulance Department officers regarding the performance and employment of Emergency Medical Technician, Nicole Wilson. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

**Information/Discussion Items**

A. Sidewalk repair and maintenance ordinance/policy
B. 2019 Budget survey
C. Thank you from Lake Crystal Area Chamber of Commerce
D. Upcoming meetings and events:
   - City Offices Closed – Wednesday, July 4 – Independence Day
   - Cruz’ IN Lake Crystal – Thursday, July 5 – 5:00 p.m.
   - Public Utilities Commission regular meeting – Tuesday, July 10 – 7:30 a.m.
   - Economic Development Authority regular meeting – Tuesday, July 10 – 4:30 p.m.
   - Park and Recreation Commission regular meeting – Monday, July 16 – 6:30 p.m.
   - City Council regular meeting – Monday, July 16 – 7:30 p.m.

**Council Comments and Observations:**

**Adjournment**

Councilor Cooper moved and Mayor Ahrenstorff seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Brad Ahrenstorff, Mayor

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator