PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF
THE LAKE CRYSTAL CITY COUNCIL MET IN THEIR REGULAR MEETING
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 AT 7:30 O’CLOCK P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE
CITY HALL BUILDING
100 E ROBINSON STREET

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

Staff members present: Taylor Gronau, City Administrator; Teri Thompson-Hobart, Office Manager; Dean Tibbetts, Street and Maintenance Superintendent; Mike Maurer, Blue Earth County Sheriff’s Department; Jacob Quade, Lake Crystal Fire Department; and Christopher Kennedy, City Attorney.

Others present: Don Marben, Lake Crystal Tribune; Kris Anderson; and Kevin Morin.

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 September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting of the City Council. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Approval of City Bills:
Councilor Schultz moved and Councilor Wiens seconded the motion to approve city bills totaling $83,533.23. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Ambulance Department Update:
• No report.

Fire Department Update:
• Total estimated cost to add an additional position is $5,503.
• The Fire Department requested to dispose of 30 banquet chairs and purchase 30 new ones at an estimated cost of $600. They also requested to recover the remaining 30 banquet chairs. Donated funds would be used to cover the total cost.

Council Member Wiens moved and Council Member Schultz seconded the motion to approve the aforementioned request for banquet chairs. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Police Department Update:
• Two new part time police officers have started employment and one is still pending until personnel documents are received.

Street Department Update:
• WW Blacktopping is scheduled to begin a street project this week but may be delayed due to rain in the forecast.
• The footings and floor have been poured for the Robinson Park restroom building and block work will begin soon.
• The crew continues to work on lowering manholes so the snow plows don’t hit them.
• Tree trimming will begin next week.
City Attorney Update:
- No report.

Administrator’s Update:
- The City is working the local School District on a Ballfield Maintenance and Use Agreement.

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2018-04 - An Ordinance to Amend Title 7, Chapter 76 of the Lake Crystal Code of Ordinances Relating to Parking Schedules:
Mayor Ahrenstorff opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. Councilor Cooper initiated discussion concerning a bike lane along Watonwan Street and therefore would like to continue with no parking along the south side of Watonwan Street. Kris Anderson informed the City Council she would like to see a similar bike lane along Blue Earth Street. There being no further comments Mayor Ahrenstorff closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Action Items
A. Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-04 - An Ordinance to Amend Title 7, Chapter 76 of the Lake Crystal Code of Ordinances Relating to Parking Schedules:
Council Member Schultz previously introduced Ordinance No. 2018-04 and Council Member Wiens seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-04. The following vote was taken: Ayes: Ahrenstorff, Schultz, Wiens, Hoechst. Nays: Cooper. Motion carried.

B. Consider approval of Resolution No. 1825, Authorizing American Legion Post No. 294 a Club on Sale Liquor License:
Council Member Wiens moved and Council Member Schultz seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1825. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

C. Consider approval of a tobacco license application from Yardwerks, LLC, DBA American Cigar & Vape Co.:
Mayor Ahrenstorff moved and Council Member Wiens seconded the motion to approve a tobacco license for Yardwerks, LLC. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items
A. Childcare Forgivable Loan Program
The City Council was in agreement to be the municipal sponsor for a Rapidan childcare application so long as it didn’t impact the City’s allocation and it went through the standard application process.

B. Upcoming meetings and events:
- Planning and Zoning Commission regular meeting – Monday, October 1 – 6:30 p.m.
- City Council regular meeting – Monday, October 1 – 7:30 p.m.

Council Comments and Observations:
- Council Member Cooper moved and Council Member Schultz seconded the motion to hold a Public Hearing to consider a pedestrian lane along Blue Earth Street. The following vote was taken: Ayes: Ahrenstorff, Schultz, Wiens, Cooper. Nays: Hoechst. Motion carried.

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 8:02 p.m.

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Brad Ahrenstorff, Mayor

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator