PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF
THE LAKE CRYSTAL CITY COUNCIL MET IN THEIR REGULAR MEETING
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 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, Gengler, Schultz, and Cooper.

Staff members present: Taylor Gronau, City Administrator; Teri Thompson-Hobart, Office Manager; Dean Tibbetts, Street and Maintenance Superintendent; Jeanine McDonald, Ambulance Chief; Mike Maurer, Blue Earth County Sheriff’s Department, and Christopher Kennedy, City Attorney.

Others present: Don Marben, Lake Crystal Tribune; and Ryan Yunkers and Andrew Diedrich, Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center.

Call to Order: Mayor Ahrenstorff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:
Councilor Schultz moved and Councilor Wiens seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting of the City Council. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Approval of City Bills:
Councilor Gengler moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to approve the city bills totaling $104,311.60. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Ambulance Department Update:
- Interviews are being conducted and there are four potential candidates for appointment.
- A notice was received concerning an airbag recall on the new Horton ambulance.
- Officer Elections will be held at the October meeting.
- The ambulance service will participate in the following events:
  1. Homecoming Parade
  2. Color Run
  3. Lifeguard Training at the LCARC

Fire Department Update:
- No report.

Police Department Update:
- The August Police Report was included in the council packet.
- Homecoming is this week.
Street & Parks Department Update:
- Superintendent Tibbetts informed the City Council that Crystal Waters Project, SWCD, and ISG have partnered to install a system along Ditch 56 in Jones Park to remove Phosphorous from the water. The project will begin the third week of October and will be complete by December 6, 2019. Staff was directed to obtain the following information and present it at the next City Council Meeting:
  1. Ownership
  2. Maintenance responsibility
  3. Design Plan
  4. Agreement
- The sewer line in Robinson Park will be dug up for repair.

City Attorney Update:
- No report.

City Administrator Update:
- We held a Fall ballfield meeting with LCWM schools and the Lake Crystal Area Softball Association and discussed the recently completed Abbott Field improvements, scoreboard installations and future projects.
- The City received 90% of the grant award from the Minnesota DNR for the Robinson Park improvements. The final inspection is scheduled for this week. If the inspection is passed, the City can apply to receive the remaining 10%.

Presentation from Ryan Yunkers, Executive Director, Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center:
  The Annual Meeting was held in August. Ryan reported on new personnel, programs, partnerships, finances, and facility maintenance.
  Andrew Diedrich presented the route for the upcoming Color Run on October 5, 2019. Councilor Cooper moved and Councilor Gengler seconded the motion to approve the proposed route. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Action Items:
A. Consider first reading of Ordinance No. 2019 – 02: An Ordinance Approving a Vacation of an Alley in Block 1, Corporate Addition to the Village of Lake Crystal, Blue Earth County, Minnesota:
  Council Wiens introduced Ordinance No. 2019-02.

B. Consider approval of Resolution No. 1925, Accepting Donations to the City of Lake Crystal:
  Councilor Schultz moved and Councilor Gengler seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1925. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

C. Consider approval of Resolution No. 1926, Authorizing American Legion Post No. 294 a Club on Sale Liquor License:
  Councilor Wiens moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1926. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.
D. Consider approval of quote from RDO Equipment Co. for the purchase of a motor grader:
   Councilor Wiens moved and Councilor Schultz seconded the motion to approve the quote of $118,323.00 from RDO for a grader. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

E. Consider approval of financing for motor grader purchase:
   Mayor Ahrenstorff moved and Councilor Wiens seconded the motion to use cash reserves in the General Fund for the purchase of the grader. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

F. Consider approval of Service Area Coverage Agreement with Mayo Clinic Ambulance:
   Council Cooper moved and Councilor Gengler seconded the motion to approve the Service Area Coverage Agreement with Mayo Clinic Ambulance contingent on the elimination of the reciprocity language being removed from the agreement. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

G. Consider sale of Burial Lot No. 17, Section B, Space 7 to Blue Earth County:
   Councilor Gengler moved and Councilor Schultz seconded the motion to approve the sale of the aforementioned burial lot to Blue Earth County. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

H. Consider sale of Burial Lot No. 46, Section B, Spaces 5,6, and 7 to Deb Rademaker:
   Councilor Wiens moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to approve the sale of the aforementioned burial lot to Deb Rademaker. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

I. Consider renewal of participation in ’19-’20 MMUA safety program:
   Councilor Schultz moved and Councilor Gengler seconded the motion to renew the MMUA Safety Program. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

J. Consider approval of travel request to attend the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association Annual Conference:
   Councilor Wiens moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to approve the aforementioned travel request. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

K. Consider approval of Scott Nelsen’s resignation from the Lake Crystal Economic Development Authority:
   Councilor Gengler moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Scott Nelsen from the Lake Crystal EDA. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items:
A. Highway 60 transportation study
B. Upcoming meetings and events:
   • Lake Crystal business meeting – Tuesday, September 24 – 4:30 p.m.
   • LCARC 5k Color Run & Kids K – Saturday, October 5 – 9:00 a.m.
   • Planning and Zoning Commission regular meeting – October 7 – 6:30 p.m.
   • City Council regular meeting – Monday, October 7 – 7:30 p.m.
Council Comments and Observations:
No report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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Brad Ahrenstorff, Mayor

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator