PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF
THE LAKE CRYSTAL CITY COUNCIL MET IN THEIR REGULAR MEETING
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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; Jeff Becker, Fire Chief; Mike Maurer, Blue Earth County Sheriff’s Department, and Christopher Kennedy, City Attorney.

Others present: Don Marben, Lake Crystal Tribune; Jay Engles; Bailey Griffin; Chad Setter; and Mike Roll.

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 Gengler moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 Regular Meeting of the City Council. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Approval of City Bills:
Councilor Wiens moved and Councilor Schultz seconded the motion to approve the city bills totaling $201,435.95. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Dog Park Update:
- Construction has been completed and is fully operational.
- Rules will be posted soon.
- Trash receptacles are needed.
- The brick entry will be completed in the spring of 2020.
- A Grand Opening is planned for the spring of 2020.
- Possible future add-ins: Plumbed water and a separate are for smaller dogs.

Staff Reports

Ambulance Department Update:
- No report.

Fire Department Update:
- The Pancake Feed went well.
- Fire Prevention Week is this week.
- Pizza delivery will be Thursday.
- School visits will be held Friday.
- There has been no notification of the AFG FEMA Grant.

Police Department Update:
- The September Police Report was included in the council packet.
• Officer Cornish turned in his resignation effective 10/31/19.
• Delivery of the 2019 Police vehicle was delayed until November 2019.

Street & Parks Department Update:
• The gate is being installed on the new grader.
• The leaf machine is being repaired.

City Attorney Update:
• No report.

City Administrator Update:
• The City applied for a $4,500 grant from the State of Minnesota to complete an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan. The City should know by December if it was awarded the grant.
• The City applied for a $20,000 grant from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to complete a Marketing Plan and develop marketing materials. The City should know by November if it was awarded the grant.

Action Items:

A. Consider adoption 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:
   Councilor Schultz seconded the previously introduced motion by Councilor Wiens to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-02. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

B. Consider approval of Resolution No. 1927, Authorizing Holy Family Church to Conduct Charitable Gambling at the Holy Family Catholic Church:
   Councilor Wiens moved and Councilor Cooper seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 1927. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

C. Consider approval of a request to install an iron sand filter on city property:
   Councilor Wiens moved and Councilor Gengler seconded the motion to approve the installation of an iron sand filter on city property. Blue Earth County Drainage Authority will be the owners of said filter. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

D. Consider employment of Lake Crystal ambulance personnel:
   Councilor Cooper moved and Councilor Schultz seconded the motion to appoint the following four individuals to the Lake Crystal Ambulance Service:
   David Hendricks – EMR  Christopher McDonald - EMT
   Benjamin Palma – EMT  Kristy Vallee – EMT
   All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Information/Discussion Items:

A. Adopt-a-Drain program
B. Rake for the Lake
C. Upcoming meetings and events:
   • Public Utilities Commission regular meeting – Tuesday, October 8 – 7:30 a.m.
   • Economic Development Authority regular meeting – Tuesday, October 8 – 4:30 p.m.
   • City Offices Closed – Monday, October 14 – observance of the Columbus Day holiday
   • Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting – Monday, October 21 – 6:30 p.m.
City Council regular meeting – Monday, October 21 – 7:30 p.m.

Council Comments and Observations:
No report.

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