

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Gary Eide presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Kelli Bauman, Lisa Lundberg, and Rose Mack, Aldermen Carey Holt, Harry Mewherter, and John Keimig. Mack & Holt were teleconferencing in for the meeting. Also present were Christa Bittner, Don Ebbers, Brandon Collins, Todd Boyd, Marlin Bjerke, Dennis Evenson, Roberta Giesel, Joan Sacrison & Ken Reiste. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Keimig to approve agenda. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundberg, seconded Mack to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting December 7, 2020, and Year End Special Meeting December 30, 2020. Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending December 31, 2020; Sales Tax Subsidy \$2,103.74 going to DCMH; Building Permits: Approved: Scott Russell – 713 4th St W– Fence Addition & Melissa Carpenter – 106 5th St W – Greenhouse; Delinquent Water Bills; Approval of Warrants; Approvals of permits are subject to the condition that they are in accordance with all building codes and ordinances of the City. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL: Council 1790.00; Mayor 575.00; Finance 3750.00; Govt Bldg 222.75; Highway 6474.76; Snow 2008.17; Rubble Site 528.86; Parks 3864.32; Library 2530.25; CC 40.50; Water 3187.72; Sewer 2962.39; Aflac 140.01 Supplemental Ins; Washington National 81.15 Cancer Ins; SD Retirement 2554.02; SD Supp. Retirement 1625.00; Health Pool of SD 6609.67; Delta Dental of SD 311.10; DNB-FICA/WH 5860.28. EXPENSES: Appera 100.70 Towels & rugs, Avera OCC Medicine 97.55 B Collins drug test, B. Collins 60.00 DOT physical, Bjerke Sanitation 4879.25 Dec. garbage, Book Systems Inc. 1190.00 Atrium fees, Boyd Law Firm 2160.00 Dec. legal fees, BDRWS 8534.40 Dec. water, Cengage Learning 253.95 library books, City of CL 248.35 water meter dep payments, CL Building Center 119.25 street supplies, CL Courier 952.79 Dec. publications, CLCC 185.00 2021 Membership dues, Connecting Point 35.00 offsite backup, D&L Digging 867.00 water leak, D. Schifelbein 77.95 Wtr mtr dep refund, DC Auditor 5415.15 police contract, DCFU 34.95 water & sewer supplies, DCMH 2103.74 Sales tax subsidy, DCN Insurance 951.50 ambulance insurance, SD DENR 1500.00 discharge permit, SD DENR 54.00 Water/WW certifications, H-D Electric 162.57 Dec. Electric, H-D Elec Coop. 377.62 lift station repair, ITC 546.59 Dec Phone & internet, Maynard's Food 1.69 street supplies, Northwestern Energy 629.67 Dec. natural gas, Ottertail Power Co 4384.93 Dec Power, Overdrive, INC. 600.00 library software, The Penworthy Comp. 141.73 library books, Purchase Power 770.99 postage, R. Bratsch 45.05 wtr mtr dep. refund, S. Koehn wtr mtr dep. refund, SD State Treasurer (SD DOR) 490.93 Dec Sales Tax, SDARWS 500.00 leak tuner, SDML 224.25 Code Enforcement, Sensus USA Inc. 1949.94 water software, US Bank 11716.19 Sewer SRF loan payment, USDA 6107.00 sewer loan payment.

No one appeared for public voice.

Roberta Giesel was present to discuss her building permit fee for her ag fence. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Keimig to cut building permit fee in half, due to it being an ag fence on ag zoned property in city limits. Upon roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Joan Sacrison, representing DADi, came in to discuss the First Impressions Tour and economic development. Marlin Bjerke & Dennis Evenson were also present to discuss development plans.

The Second Reading of Ordinance #592, increasing sewer rates to \$45 for the City of Clear Lake residents was completed. Motion by Mack, seconded by Keimig to approve Ordinance #592. Upon roll-

call vote, the following votes were cast: Bauman-no, Keimig-yes, Lundberg-yes, Mack-yes, Mewherter-no, Holt-yes. Motion carried.

The Second Reading of Ordinance #593, increasing water rates for the City of Clear Lake residents was completed. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Lundberg to amend Ordinance #593, changing tap fee rate to \$20.00. Upon roll-call vote, the following votes were cast: Bauman-no, Keimig-yes, Lundberg-yes, Mack-yes, Mewherter-yes, Holt-yes. Motion carried. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Lundberg to approve Ordinance #593 with rate amendment. Upon roll-call vote, the following votes were cast: Bauman-no, Keimig-yes, Lundberg-yes, Mack-yes, Mewherter-yes, Holt-no. Motion carried.

The Second Reading of Ordinance #594, increasing water turn on rates to for the City of Clear Lake residents was completed. Motion by Mack, seconded by Keimig to approve Ordinance #594. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

The Second Reading of Ordinance #595, increasing water meter deposit rates to \$300 for the City of Clear Lake residents was completed. It was amended to put \$100 towards their first utility bill and \$200 towards the meter deposit. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Mack to approve Ordinance #595, with amended changes. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mewherter to approve Salary Resolution 2021-1. Upon roll-call vote, the following votes were cast: Bauman-yes, Keimig-yes, Lundberg-yes, Mack-yes, Mewherter-yes, Holt-abstain. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Todd Boyd, discussed the proposed marijuana ordinance and discussed a judgement against a former summer rec employee. Council agreed to move forward with first reading of marijuana ordinance at the next meeting.

The 2020 City Water Loss was discussed, as we averaged a 25.55% water loss.

No comments from the City Superintendent, Mayor or Council Members.

City Attorney, Boyd, commented on the ongoing abatements, promissory note, code enforcer letter to a resident, enforcing jake breaking and LIIP Grant requirements.

Finance Officer, Bittner, inquired about Covid-19 vaccines.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Lundberg to adjourn as regular council and enter into Executive Session at 7:50 PM for legal counsel. All voted yes.

Mayor Eide declared the Council out of Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

There being no further business, motion by Mewherter, seconded by Bauman to adjourn at 8:35 PM. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Christa Bittner
Finance Officer

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