The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 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, Aldermen Carey Holt, Harry Mewherter, & John Keimig. Alderwoman Rose Mack was absent. Also present were Christa Bittner, Don Ebbers, Cory Borg, Brandon Collins, Ken Reiste, Todd Boyd, Sue DeJong, Don Cassels, Tammy Krein, Bill Wiekamp, Donna Pauli, Steven Kruiter, Joe Uckert, Roberta Giesel, Beth Niemeyer, and Pat Carey. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Keimig to approve the amended agenda, omitting the sales tax subsidy to DCMH due to not having a full council. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to approve the amended consent agenda, omitting the sales tax subsidy to DCMH, as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting June 7, 2021; Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending June 30, 2021; Building Permits: Approved: Daron Kreger, 212 9th Ave S – garage & driveway addition, ITC, 312 4th St W – concrete sidewalk & curb & gutter, Carey Hoffman, 711 8th St W – concrete slab, Marty Spilde, 512 5th St W – replace sidewalk, Bard & Dixie Tronvold, 103 6th St W – curb & gutter, Melissa & Scott Kloos, 805 1st St W – fence addition & Jordan Bittner, 709 5th Ave S – concrete driveway extension; Delinquent Water Bills; Approval of Warrants. Upon roll-call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL: Council 774.21; Mayor 277.05; Finance Officer 1735.68; Gen Gov’t Building 103.70; Highway 6769.71; Rubble Site 1114.67; Airport 23.77; West Nile 205.64; Summer Rec 1542.68; Swimming Pool 8771.86; Park & Rec 2609.40; Library 2526.50; Community Center 172.78; Water 2171.62; Sewer 2250.63; Aflac 140.01, Supplemental Ins; SDSRP 1625; Washington National 81.15 Cancer Ins; SD Retirement 2996.54; Health Pool of SD 8522.89; Delta Dental of SD 416.20; DNB-FICA/WH 8301.54; EXPENSES: Appeara 113.13 mops & towels, AT&T 55.66 cell phone, B. Verhelst 100.00 CC dep refund, Banner Associates 282.15 Econ Dev. Council mtg, Bowes Const. Inc. 3031.80 Asphalt, Burchatz Const. Co., Inc. 571.43 5th St W Alley C&G, C. Bittner 304.80 FO/HR school mileage reimb, City of CL 45.00 wtr mtr dep payment, D&L Digging 1428.00 Water Leak, D. Schmahl Estate 10.00 Water Mtr Dep Refund, Dakota Portable Toilets, Inc. 225.00 Ulven porta potty, DC Treasurer 483.87 Culverts, SD DANR 120.00 Collins & Martinmaas WW Coll exam fee, Eastside Equipment 1529.60 Tractor Weights, G Eide 13.83 Weed Eater Line, HD Elect. Coop 1137.88 Park Repairs, Hawkins Inc 2405.24 Pool Chemicals, Home Oasis LLC 30.40 O-Rings, Lyle Signs Inc 197.45 4th Ave & St Closed Sign, Maynard’s Food 807.90 Pool & sewer supp, MidAmerica Books 146.65 Books, Milbank WinWater Works 205.66 Water Supp, NorthWestern Energy 974.13 Nat gas, Nosbush Plumbing & Heating 985.51 Pool drinking fountain repair, One Office Solution 281.04 Printer Paper, Purchase Power 770.99 Postage fee, Pitney Bowes Rental & Supplies 19.00 Rental Fee, Pomp’s Tire Service, Inc. 1020.89 Payloader tire repair, SD Dept. Of Health 45.00 Water Samples, Ramkota Hotel-Pierre 318.00 HR/FO School, SoDak Gardens 500.00 Main St flowers, Steve Rhody Services 38.00 Window Washing, T. Baer 200.00 CC Dep Refund, Taste of Home 10.00 Mag Subscrptn, The Lifeguard Store, Inc. 60.00 LG suits, Alpha Media 450.00 CL Chamber Ad, American Engineer Testing 1684.60 Sewer testing, B. Klavetter 68.25 Wtr Mtr Dep Refund, Bjerke Sanitation 5851.05 June Garbage, Bowes Construction Inc 4251.00 Asphalt, Boyd Law Firm 1995.50 June Legal Fees, BDRWS 13342.90 June Water, C. Bittner 97.44 Budget Trn Mileage, CL Library 827.96 Library Reimbursement, City of CL 1983.96 June water use, CL Building Center 421.76 June Supplies, CL Courier 204.29 June Publications, Connecting Point 37.00 Offsite Backup, D&L Digging 28500.00 Building Demos, Daktronics, Inc. 335.00 Baseball Scoreboard, DC Ambulance 5770.00 Ambulance Sales tax subsidy, DC Auditor 5415.15 July Police Contract, DCFU Oil 2750.60 June fuel & supp, DCMH 6987.46 Sales Tax Subsidy, SD DANR 650.00 Permit fees, Dollar General Corp 3.15 CC Supplies, First Bank & Trust 750.95 Pool Supplies, HD Electric Coop 834.72 Park Electric, HD Elect Coop 576.57 Lavin Field Lights, Hawkins Inc 54.48 Pool Supp, Home Oasis LLC 107.94 Pool Chemicals, Inspiration Press, Inc. 35.00 Books, ITC 679.56 Internet/phone, KLM Engineering 3200.00 Water Tower Inspection, M. Spilde 2171.00 Curb & Gutter Reimbrsmnt, Miss Emma’s Daycare 67.52 Mtr Dep Refund, Nosbush Plumbing & Heating 90.37 Pool Repair, Ottertail Power Co 3748.63 June Power, P. Ruby 142.24 Mileage Reimbursement, Runnings Farm & Fleet 15.61 Park Supplies, SD State Treasurer (SD DOR) 1733.54 June Sales Tax, SD Unemployment Insurance 134.62 Q2 Unemployment, SDARWS 590.00 Membership, Productivity Plus Account (Titan) 205.80 Street Supp, Ultimate Ink 198.00 Lifeguard Shirts, US Bank 11716.19 Sewer Loan Payment, USDA 6107.00 loan payment, V. Schafer 200.00 CC Dep Refund.

No one appeared for public voice, but while Don Cassels was asking the council about the 2021 baseball funding he mentioned there is a storm sewer culvert near a rental of his that the city may need to look at soon.

A Budget Request Public Hearing was held for the 2022 budget. Requests were received from Clear Lake Historical Society, Clear Lake Fire Department, Deuel Area Development Inc., Fairgrounds Softball Field, ICAP, Clear Lake Library, the new Economic Development Board and Clear Lake Summer Rec. Comments were heard from Sue DeJong representing the Clear Lake Historical Society, Don Cassels representing the Clear Lake Baseball Association, Tammy Krein representing DADI and Joe Uckert, representing the new Economic Development Board.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to convene jointly as the City Council and Planning Commission. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held for annexing the land of the former airport into City limits. No objection was heard, approval was recommended by the Planning Commission.

A public hearing was held for vacating the south end of 1st Avenue in the AJ Lockharts Addition and Roberta Geisel was present to discuss her need for vacating it. No objection was heard, approval was recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Holt to reconvene as the City Council. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Bill Wiekamp was present to discuss the New Hope for Cancer Walk event held on August 15th this year. He asked the council for a reduced rate of the community center rental & for the okay to close off part of 3rd St W for the event. The Council approved closing the street & said they would cover the $100 rental fee for the event as a donation.

Donna Pauli & Steven Kruiter were present to discuss a nuisance issue with their neighbor and cats. Sheriff, Cory Borg was present and said if the issue continues, they need to call the Sheriff’s Dept.

Beth Niemeyer and Pat Carey, of Banner Engineering, were present to discuss the economic development land contract and the timeline for the project. They stated the soil testing and boring is complete and the reports are coming back good, it is capable to support future buildings on the 40 acres surveyed.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 603, an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 500, annexing the former airport land into city limits, was completed.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 604, an Ordinance allowing the city to rebate municipal property taxes for new construction of economic development, was completed.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 605, an Ordinance amending the Ag land zoning restrictions, was completed.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 606, an Ordinance supplementing the budget appropriation for economic development, was completed.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 607, an Ordinance amending the demolition permit guidelines to make sure items are demolished within 3 months of obtaining permit, was completed.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to declare as surplus the vacate lot on main street, formerly the “R Place Café”. Property will be auctioned off by written bids in August. Notices will be published in the paper soon. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Holt to approve payment of $1,000 to Leigh Mellendorf to purchase a bare residential lot in town & look into ordering a governor’s home for the lot. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to approve the following additional summer rec employees; Dexter Unzen - $11.00; Jaxon Peterreins - $11.00; Stephanie Mattson - $11.25; Brittanee Collins - $11.25; Morgan Salanoa - $11.00. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The need for a sign for the donations given to the fishing dock and disc golf course was discussed. There also needs to be a bigger sign for Ulven Park & the disc golf course on the highways. Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mewherter to purchase signs from Gopher Sign. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye, with Holt abstaining. Motion carried.

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Bauman to authorize City Superintendent Don Ebbers to sign the contract for West Nile Grant from the State of South Dakota. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Mewherter to approve Resolution 2021-5, vacating the south end of 1st Avenue, between Lots 3 & 4 in Block 1 in AJ Lockharts Addition. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye, with Holt abstaining. Motion carried.

City Superintendent, Don Ebbers, filled the council in on the pool heater, stating it has been installed and is working correctly now. He also mentioned a pressure test was completed on the wading pool, and it came out okay, but there is still more work to be done on it. The 7th Avenue Water project should be starting very soon.

Assistant City Superintendent, Brandon Collins, discussed an incident with an aggressive dog that was at large in town a few times last month. He would like to be prepared with more equipment when these issues arise. The council recommended looking into what safety equipment is available for dog catching.

City Finance Officer, Christa Bittner, stated she will be sending out letters to a few residents that will be affected by the preliminary FEMA flood map in town.

Attorney Todd Boyd discussed the ongoing communication with the NorthWestern Energy attorney regarding the Crystal Springs Feeds project.

Motion by Keimig, seconded by Bauman to enter into Executive Session at 8:54 PM for personnel and legal counsel for contractual matters.

Mayor Eide declared the Council out of Executive Session at 9:13 PM.

There being no further business, motion by Holt, seconded by Keimig to adjourn at 9:13 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Christa Bittner

Finance Officer

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