

**City Council Regular Meeting
February 8, 2021
Monday 7:00 p.m.**

The regular session of the City Council, City of Sacred Heart, Minnesota was called to order on February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dan Agre.

City Council Members present were Brooke Hebrink, Randy Johnson, and Andy Stauffer. Also present were Administrator Amy Hubbard, Public Works Supervisor Scott Agre, Liquor Store Manager Brooke Busack, and Steve Agre. Absent: Dick Ashburn.

1. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the agenda included sludge tank update from Nathan Feist, Jim Olson pay for snow removal, and Jeff Agre's property around the sewer plant. A motion was made by Brooke Hebrink and seconded by Andy Stauffer to approve the agenda as presented along with the additions. The motion was carried 3 to 0.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Brooke Hebrink to approve the January 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes. The motion carried 3 to 0.

3. Invoices Payable

A motion was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Andy Stauffer to approve the invoices payable as presented. The motion carried 3 to 0.

4. Liquor Store Report – Brooke Busack, Liquor Store Manager

Liquor Store Manager, Brooke, discussed the report with the council. Council questioned Brooke about her supper special, Bone-In-Wings on Tuesday nights. Brooke explained to the council how they are made, the pricing per wing, and why they are only offered as dine-in only. Brooke also mentioned that the EXIT lights are not working properly. Council advised her to get new ones as they are essential for safety. Brooke discussed the current COVID-19 guidelines as patrons must be out by 10:00pm. It was discussed that the Governor would like to have bars/restaurants open at full capacity by May 1st. Council discussed the need for a generator at the liquor store. Brooke and Scott will do some research.

5. Sludge Tank Coating

Nathan Feist, Bollig Engineering, provided the council with a cost estimate for the coating on the sludge tank. The total cost would be \$19,977.00 to coat the bottom ring of the sludge tank. Administrator Hubbard will investigate funds available through Short Lived Assets Funds. The council continued discussion regarding the frustration on the length of time that it is taking to complete this project. A motion was made by Andy Stauffer and seconded by Randy Johnson to pay the \$19,977.00 for heating the tank and coating the bottom ring of the tank, however the city will seek reimbursement from Bollig for the tank heating cost in the amount of \$5,5531.00. The motion carried 3 to 0.

6. Maintenance/Water/Sewer Report – Scott Agre, Public Works Supervisor

Public Works Supervisor, Scott Agre, provided discussion regarding the Progress Meeting that was conducted on 1/13/21 in which Dan Agre, Amy Hubbard, Scott Agre, and Dave DeLong were in attendance along with contractor, engineers, and USDA. Meeting notes were provided to the council.

7. Property Around the Sewer Plant

The council became aware that a solar garden has been looking at purchasing land close to the sewer plant. In case of future expansion of the sewer plant, the council would like to have room whereas it is currently in ownership of Jeff Agre. A motion was made by Andy Stauffer and seconded by Brooke Hebrink to attain a price of Jeff Agre's parcel of land around the city sewer plant. The motion carried 3 to 0.

8. Jim Olson – Hauling Snow Pay

Jim Olson is currently helping with hauling snow as an on-call basis. As this was previously agreed upon at a council meeting, his pay was not discussed. The council agreed that \$15.00/hour would be acceptable for the work he is completing.

9. Police Report – Monthly Summary

The January monthly summary police report was provided to the council from the Renville County Sheriff's Office for review. A total of 25 calls were taken along with 153 hours patrolled for the month.

10. SHEDA Report – Randy Johnson and Andy Stauffer

SHEDA members, Johnson and Stauffer, provided the council with an update. Apartment #6 has been rented to Marilyn Agre. She will be moving in March 1st, 2021. PIGP Committee met and letters have been sent to homeowners requesting more information. Jordan Zeller attended the meeting to give a housing study update and to participate in grant information for the SH School.

RCW Superintendent and board members were present to talk about the possibilities with the SH School.

11. ACH for Utility Billing – Update

Administrator Hubbard sent out letters to Sacred Heart residents. The city has received 28 applications so far. The ACH applications will be sent in the New Resident packet.

12. 2021 Sacred Heart Jaycees 3.2 Liquor License

The 3.2 Liquor License for the Sacred Heart Jaycees was discussed for 2021 renewal. A motion was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Andy Stauffer to approve renewal of the 3.2 Liquor License for the Sacred Heart Jaycees for 2021. The motion carried 3 to 0.

13. Refunding of 2014A Bonds

The refunding of the 2014A Bonds was discussed as this would create a savings of \$164,044. A motion was made by Andy Stauffer and seconded by Randy Johnson approving the refunding of the 2014A Bonds. The motion carried 3 to 0.

14. LED City Sign

Council received a quote from DC Signs on the cost of an LED city sign in which activities, closures, date/time, and other information could be displayed. After much discussion, the council advised that Administrator Hubbard contact other entities about their involvement with the purchase and use of the sign.

15. Concern Regarding Agricultural-Zoned Properties

The council discussed the current city ordinance, Code section 1114.02, Permitted Uses. This ordinance explains what is currently permitted within the Ag Agricultural District including but not limited to, Livestock. City Attorney, Aaron Walton, provided email correspondence confirming that a property within the Ag District is permitted to have horses on the property. Council is concerned about the manure as manure piling within city limits is prohibited. Administrator Hubbard will contact Aaron Walton regarding the city's concerns and limits within the current ordinance.

16. Adjourn

A motion was made by Randy Johnson and seconded by Brooke Hebrink to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried 4 to 0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

BY

Amy Hubbard, City Administrator/Treasurer/EDA Director

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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