

**CITY OF COKATO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Carl Harju (acting Mayor) called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, February 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Council Members Harju, Martinson, Sebring, and Wilson. Mayor Erickson was absent. Also present was Mike Kaczmarek, County Commissioner, City Staff, Josh Halvorson Bolton and Menk.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Wilson to approve the agenda, seconded by Sebring for the agenda, all voted aye.

Appearance

County Commissioner Mike Kaczmarek was present. Mr. Kaczmarek discussed a ditch cleaning project south of the community, the moratorium of new solar farms in the County.

Sheriff's Report – The Wright County Sheriff's presented their monthly report.

3. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2021
- b. Sheriff's Report
- c. Resolution for PFA Wastewater Loan
- d. Res – No 2021-07 Combining First National Bank Accounts

Motion by Wilson to approve the agenda, seconded by Sebring for the agenda, all voted aye.

4. Mayors Report

- a. **Small Cities Development Grant Administration** – An RFP was issued and DSI was the only company who submitted for Grant Administration. Sebring moved to have DSI conduct the grant administration, the motion was seconded by Wilson, all voted aye. The about the seconded carried Sebring moved to make a motion to apply for the grant, Martinson seconded for the motion for the grant, all voted aye.
- b. **Public Stormwater Ordinance Exception** – It was discussed that two properties (Western Integrated) and (Highland community Church) had questions regarding their fees that they were being charged. City Engineer Josh Halvorson presented methodology of how this fee could be adjusted. Wilson motioned to adopt the methodology presented by Mr. Halvorson, Sebring seconded the motion – all voted aye
- c. **Amend the City of Cokato Comprehensive Plan as it pertains to the adopting a revised City Land Use Plan.** - Review of plan and we will bring it back on March 8, 2021. More information will be brought back regarding the EDA as well and possibly community members.
- d. **Trailstone Lots – Next Phase of Possible Construction** – City authorizes Bolton and Menk to look at the preliminary engineering for the remaining 8 lots. Possible construction of street in mid to late summer of the next phase of Lots.
- e. **Juanita Mikkola – A request for a Conditional Use Permit for Zero Lot Line and 281 and 285 Arbor Curve Road.** The City Council reviewed the proposal showing the constructed twinhome having a new lot line down the middle so both 281 and 285 Arbor Curve would have their own lot. Motion by Wilson to approve the conditional use permit, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

5. Public Works/Parks

- a. **Central City Project Phase II Update** – Josh Halverson gave an update on the project and the Open House that was held. He stated that the project would bid in March and possibly awarded in April 2021.
- b. **Wastewater Pumps** – Jeff DeGrote mentioned that Wastewater Pumps are a maintenance program and there the total cost is \$28,370. Sebring made a motion to approve the repairs, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
- c. **New Pickup Acquisition** – Jeff DeGrote stated that the Chevy truck was on back order, so the City is moved ahead with ordering a Ford Truck which was a less than \$1,000 more.
- d. **Smoke Testing** – Jeff DeGrote stated that Smoke Testing in coordination with Minnesota Rural Water Conference next year in 2022. Smoke Testing is used to detect leaks in the Sanitary Sewer System.

6. Financial Reports

- a. **Approval of Claims – \$385,395.39** – Sebring made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
- b. **Cash and Budget Reports** Sebring made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

7. Reports & Information

- a. **Reminder – City Hall Closed Monday, February 15, 2021 President's Day**

8. Adjournment

- **Motion** by Sebring to adjourn, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm



Brad Potter, City Administrator



Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor