

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

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m.**
 - Mayor Erickson called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, March 8th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Erickson, Council Members Harju, Martinson, Sebring, and Wilson. Also present were members of the Public, Staff and Press.

- 2. Approval of Agenda**
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

- 3. Public Forum**
 - a. Sheriff Presentation – 2020 Annual Report**
 - Wright County Sheriff Derringer presented the annual report to the council. He reported that thefts were down due to the implementation of a Gas Drive Off Program.
 - **Motion** by Wilson to approve the 2020 Annual Report, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

- 4. Consent Agenda Items**
 - a. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2021**
 - b. Sheriff's Report**
 - c. 2020 City Auditor Letter of Engagement**
 - d. Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grant**
 - e. Approval of 2022 Township Fire Contracts**
 - **Motion** by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

- 5. Mayors Report**
 - a. 2021 Building Projects –Reconstruction of Library Parking Lot**
 - Council asked that an estimate for paving and striping be obtained before they decide on a layout for the parking lot.
 - b. Amended City Fees in Ordinance – Water Meter Fees and Ambulance Fees**
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve the amended 2021 Fee Ordinance, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
 - c. Stormwater Ordinance Exception – Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery**
 - **Motion** by Harju to approve the Stormwater Exception for the Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
 - d. MNDOT Highway 12 Payment – Final Payment**
 - **Motion** by Sebring to approve final payment to MNDOT for the Highway 12 project on the condition that the city receives written confirmation that manhole repairs will be completed, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

- Motion by Harju to approve up to \$5,000.00 for batteries for the backup system for Hwy 12 and County Rd 3, seconded Wilson, all voted aye.
- e. Planning and Zoning – M&W, Conditional Use Permit**
- **Motion** by Wilson to approve M&W Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- f. Line Road Agreements with Cokato Township**
- City staff will review the line road agreements and bring back recommendations to the city council.
- g. Land Use Plan Update**
- h. Private Property Maintenance Expectations/Regulations - Discussion City Council**
- City staff will review the nuisance ordinance regarding property maintenance and report back to the council at a later meeting.
- i. Peddlers Licensing for 2021**
- City hall can issue peddler licenses for 2021, council requested that they be sent notification when a license is issued.
- j. Sump Pump – Sewer line corrections – Assessing Improvements**
- Council asked that more information will be brought to a later meeting.

6. Public Works/Parks

- a. Central City Project Phase II Project Bidding**
- **Motion** by Harju to approve bidding the Central City Project Phase II, seconded by Wilson. Voting aye: Erickson, Wilson, Sebring, Harju; Voting nay: Martinson
- b. Public Works Seasonal Employees**
- **Motion** by Wilson to approve posting for Public Works Part-Time seasonal position, seconded Sebring, all voted aye.
- c. Spring Cleanup Timing**
- Clean-Up day will be held on May 1st of this year.

7. Financial Reports

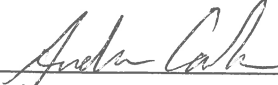
- a. Approval of Claims – \$224,241.55**
- **Motion** by Sebring to approve claims in the amount of \$224,241.55, seconded by Martinson, all voted, aye.
- b. Cash and Budget Reports**
- **Motion** by Harju to approve the Budget Reports, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

8. Reports & Information

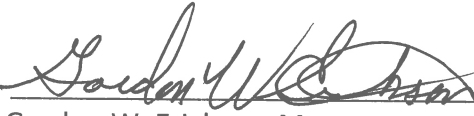
- Johanna Ellison, Museum Director, presented the council with a grant opportunity for the museum.
- **Motion** by Sebring to move forward with the Museum Grant application, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

9. **Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Harju to adjourn, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm



Andrew Carlson, City Clerk



Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor