

**CITY OF COKATO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2021**

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

- Mayor Erickson called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, July 12th, 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 Sebring to approve the agenda, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

3. Public Forum

- **None**

4. Consent Agenda Items

- Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2021 and July 1, 2021
- Sheriff's Report
- Resolution 2021-23 appointing Glen Worden to the Park Commission
- Fund Transfer from TD Ameritrade Account to Kensington Bank Account in the amount of \$582,776

- **Motion** by Sebring to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

5. Mayors Report

- **Cokato Historical Society – Quarterly Report - Motion** by Harju to accept the grant from the Minnesota Historical Society, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.
- **Line Road Agreement – Cokato Township - Discussion** about the proposed agreement that would take place with Cokato Township to maintain roads that are half in the township and half in the City. **No action was taken at this time.**
- **Ordinance Change - Zoning Ordinance Change – Fence Setbacks – Discussion** about changing the fence ordinance from the current ordinance. **No action was taken at this time.**
- **Ordinance Change – Amending Chapter 51 of City Code regarding Water meter and Water Shut-off Procedures – Water Meter Reading Fine - Discussion** took place about water meter shutoffs and arriving at a penalty for those that do not have the new meter installed by August 1, 2021. **Motion** by Sebring to approve a \$100 per month fine for those who not have the meter put in place by August 1, 2021 seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- **Public Hearing to amend section 51.041 Storm Sewer as it pertains to sump pumps and inspection of sump pumps and sewer point of sale inspections (examine 5 year time at point of sale).** After discussion, the Council thought of having an approved 5 year time period that a sewer inspection (private service line is videoed would be acceptable for a 5 year period. **Motion** by Harju allow the 5 year time frame for inspections, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.
- **Light Poles Highway 12 and Light Fixtures –** The City is seeking an additional quote for the installation of the Highway 12 Light Poles and once the two quote is provided the City can take action moving forward. **No action**
- **2022 Budget – Preliminary Discussions –** Discussion took place regarding the 2022 planned budget, the preliminary tax levy will be issued in September 2021.

- **Compensation Study Proposal Update** – A second proposal will be sought for conducting a Compensation Study proposal. No action taken at this time.
- **Housing Study Proposal** - There were two firms that submitted proposals for a Housing Study. Wilson moved to approve Maxfield Research for the Housing Study for \$14,500, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.
- **Purchase of land by the City of Cokato from the Cokato Development Corporation** – The Cokato Development Corporation approached the City to see if they would want to purchase held by the CDC east of Cowgirl Tuff. **Motion** made by Harju to purchase the land for \$56,000, seconded by Harju all voted aye.

6. Public Works/Parks

- **Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing - Winter Parking Rules Amendment** - There was discussion about the Winter Parking Rules on City streets for parking. **Motion** by Wilson to not allow parking on City streets between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m during snow removal months as defined by the City Ordinance, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.
- **Mill and Overlay Project – Approval of Specifications and put project to bid** - After the project summary the Council moved to approve Specifications and put the project out to bid. Wilson moved to approve Bids and Specifications, Harju seconded the motion, all voted aye.
- **Water Tower Recoating** – The Council discussed some of the options for recoating the west water tower. No action at this time.
- **Project Updates and Pay Requests City Center Phase I, Phase II and WWTP** Project updates were given by Bolton and Menk.

7. Financial Reports

- **Approval of Claims – \$1,328,313.05**
Motion by Wilson to approve claims in the amount of **\$1,328,313.05** , seconded by Harju, all voted aye.
- **Cash and Budget Reports**
Motion by Sebring to approve Cash and Budget Reports, seconded by Martison, all voted aye.

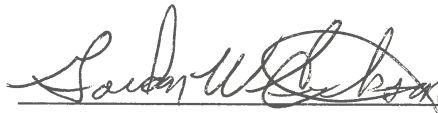
8. Reports & Information - Next Meeting will be moved from August 9, 2021 to August 16, 2021

9. Adjournment

- **Motion** by Sebring to adjourn, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm



Brad Potter, City Administrator



Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor