

**CITY OF COKATO  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2021**

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

- Mayor Erickson called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 with the addition of 5i. Fund Transfer and 6c. New Water Meters, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**3. Public Forum**

- **Darrell Armbruster, 235 Fieldcrest Blvd NE** – Appeared before the council to ask what is being done about the vacant lot between 217 & 235 Arbor Curve NE. The lot is zoned residential and appears as if it is being used for storage, i.e. boat, trailers, semi-tractors, etc.
- City Staff has notified the property owner of violations and will forward the matter to the city attorney if the matter is not resolved by the end of the month.

**4. Consent Agenda Items**

**a. Approval of Minutes from July 12, 2021 and July 26, 2021**

**b. Sheriff's Report**

**c. Acceptance of Resolutions 2021-24, 25 and 26 Donations to Cokato Fire Department**

- **Motion** by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

**5. Mayors Report**

**a. 2020 Financial Audit Presentation**

- Justin McGraw, Conway Deuth Schmiesing, presented the 2020 Financial Audit to the council.

**b. Line Road Agreement – Cokato Township**

- **Motion** by Martinson to approve the Line Road Agreement with Cokato Township with the addition of 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**c. Property east of Cowgirl Tuff - Possible development plan**

- Council discussion and no action taken

**d. Residential Request for Proposal (RFP) for Trailstone Lots**

- Council discussed and requested that staff get input from a realtor for pricing of remaining lots in the Trailstone subdivision.

**e. 2022 Budget – Continued Review**

- Council will hold a special meeting August 30<sup>th</sup> to further review the 2022 budget.

**f. Compensation Study**

- **Motion** by Wilson to approve the Compensation Study to be completed by Paul Ness, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

**g. Information Only – (No Public Hearing) Amendments to the City Code addressing the definitions of hard surface and parking and driving areas for the purpose of regulating the parking and storage of trailers, fish houses, and motor vehicles in residential areas. Regulations will include a maximum amount of area that can be covered by storage, parking and driving areas.**

**h. City Credit Card and City Credit Card Policy**

- **Motion** by Harju to approve the Credit Card Policy and acquisition of a credit card for City Hall with \$2,000.00 limit, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**i. Transfer of Funds from TD Ameritrade to Kensington Bank**

- **Motion** by Harju to approve a transfer of Funds in the amount of \$625,359.00, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.

**6. Public Works/Parks**

**a. Resolution 2021-27 Mill and Overlay Project – Award Bid and potentially add Lee Avenue and Lee Circle**

- **Motion** by Martinson to approve Resolution 2021-27 Mill and Overlay Project – Award Bid to Mid Minnesota Hot Mix in the amount of \$205,703.40, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**b. Project Updates and Pay Requests City Center Phase II and WWTP**

- The WWTP is scheduled to open in October of this year.
- **Motion** by Wilson to approve pay requests for the WWTP and City Center Phase II projects, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

**c. New Water Meters**

- Administrator Potter gave an update on the new meters, some fines have been given for non-response from residents.

**7. Financial Reports**

**a. Approval of Claims**

- **Motion** by Harju to approve claims in the amount of \$1,744,665.43, seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

**b. Cash and Budget Reports**

- **Motion** by Sebring to approve Cash & Budget Reports, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

**8. Reports & Information**

- Mayor Erickson thanked Public Works for their work at the Corn Carnival.

**9. Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Harju to adjourn, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm



Andrew Carlson, City Clerk



Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor