

**CITY OF COKATO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2022**

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

- Mayor Erickson called the Cokato City Council to order Monday, April 11th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers. Members present were Mayor Gordy Erickson, Council Members Martinson, Sebring and Wilson. Also present were members of the Public and Staff.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Public Forum – No one spoke at the Public Forum

4. Consent Agenda Items

- **Motion** by Harju to approve Consent Calendar items B-E seconded by Wilson, all voted aye. Items A and F will be pulled as there were corrections noted to the March 14, 2022 City Council minutes and Letter F was approved after a question regarding the University of Minnesota Extension office and renting City Hall. The extension office is representing local 4-H chapter.

5. Mayors Report

- a. **Historical Society Quarterly Report** – Museum Director Johanna Ellison gave an update of the Museum with the issuance of her report.
- b. **Request of Request of DIVOCSG 2 LLC for a conditional use permit to allow a solar garden in the I, Industry District** – Mr. Potter presented the report which was approving the conditional use permit for the solar farm with a series of conditions. Mr. Wilson moved to approve the conditional use permit, seconded by Harju. Wilson, Harju and Erickson voted in favor of the conditional use permit and Martinson and Sebring voted against the measure, the application was approved 3 to 2.
- c. **Request of Preliminary Plat and Final Plat of Kenny Raisanen and vacation of easements in Hillmeyer Addition** – Mr. Potter presented the report to the Council with approval of the preliminary and final plat and vacation of easements in Hillmeyer Addition. After review, Sebring moved to approve with the applicable conditions. The motion was seconded by Martinson and was approved unanimously.
- d. **Kyle Ashwill – Development of Property West of City** – There was discussion about the development of the former Faribault Foods site to Quimby Avenue and the development of the site into large industrial lots. The City Council was given three possible options to proceed with.
 1. The City allows the development in the Township
 2. The City allows development to happen in City (annexation required) with no city water and sewer extended at this time. An agreement would be provided as when the City would extend sewer and water for the development.
 3. The City allows this to happen in the City with sewer and water and annexation required and the property would bear the cost of extending sewer and water.
Wilson moved Option 2 which was seconded by Sebring and passed unanimously.

e. Solar Farm Moratorium

After discussion the City Council proposed to have Moratorium on new solar development. The Moratorium would be effective for one year. Wilson moved to approve the moratorium as written by the attorney. The motion was seconded by Sebring and passed unanimously.

f. Allie Extension Discussion

The Council discussed having Bolton and Menk pursue full plans and specifications for constructing the remain piece of Allie Avenue from its termination point north. The project would be bid later this summer. Wilson moved to approve and was seconded by Harju and passed unanimously.

g. City Clerk – Position Update and Hiring

The City posted the City Clerk position and has decided to offer the position to Megan Gustafson. Sebring made a motion approving the hire of Megan Gustafson and the motion was seconded by Harju. Mr. Martinson expressed his concern over the hire and if it was the best fit for the City. With discussion ended a vote was taken and the motion was approved 4-1 to approve Megan Gustafson as City Clerk with Martinson voting against.

6. Public Works/Parks

a. Final Payment on WWTP Project

There was discussion on the warranty period of the improvements at the plant. Upon conclusion Sebring moved to make the final payment on the WWTP, seconded by Wilson and approved unanimously.

b. Sealcoating Bids – Bids came in roughly 40 to 50% more than prior years. With that said, the Harju moved to rebid the project without streets in Fieldcrest and Trailstone, the project was seconded by Wilson and was approved.

c. 2022 – Sewer Relining Project – No action was taken at this time.

7. Financial Reports

– **Approval of Claims**

– **Motion** by Harju to approve claims seconded by Sebring, all voted aye.

a. Cash and Budget Reports

– **Motion** by Sebring to approve Cash & Budget reports, seconded by Harju, all voted aye.

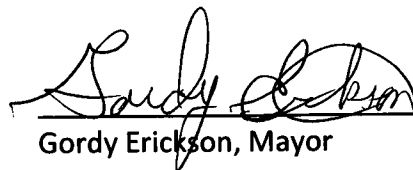
8. Adjournment

– **Motion** by Martinson to adjourn, seconded by Wilson, all voted aye.

– Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm



Brad Potter, City Administrator



Gordy Erickson, Mayor