

**AGENDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 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, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 and Staff.
  
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
  - **Motion** by Martinson to approve the agenda, seconded by Harju; all voted aye.
  
- 3. Public Forum**
  
- 4. Consent Agenda Items**
  - a. Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2022 and May 9 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes**
  - b. Sheriff's Report**
  - c. Resolution 2022-29 Hiring of part time summer workers for City Swimming Pool (including wages for part time summer workers)**
  - d. Kyle Ashwill Development Agreement Approval**
  - e. Resolutions 2022-26- 2022-28 for Donation to Cokato Ambulance, Cokato Fire Department and City of Cokato**
  - f. Resolution 2022-30 Amending Official City Depositories to include Edward Jones – (Darren Sombke)**
  - g. Convenience Fee - Added \$15 for Building Permit Applications to be mailed out**
  - h. Resolution 2022-31 Appointment of Kevin Carlen to Ambulance Service**
  - i. Resolution 2022-25 Steve Luhman – Wage Increase with Obtaining Licensure**
    - Items 4b. Sheriff's Report and 4d. Kyle Ashwill Development Agreement Approval were pulled for discussion.
    - **Motion** by Wilson to approve the consent agenda items a,c,e,f,g,h, and i, seconded by Martinson; all voted aye.
    - Deputy Farniok introduced himself being that he is new to the area.
    - Wilson suggested that all access to the Ashwill development should be off of Quimby until annexed by the City.
    - **Motion** by Martinson to accept consent agenda items 4b. Sheriff's Report and 4d. Kyle Ashwill Development Agreement Approval seconded by Wilson; all voted aye.
  
- 5. Mayors Report**
  - a. Request of Cokato Development Corporation for the preliminary and final plat of North Cokato Industrial Park and rezoning**
    - Wilson stated the planning and zoning had a meeting that many members of the public attended mostly from the West, South, and East of the property. People to the West were concerned about screening the property line. The development corporation agreed to put a tree line in to block it.
    - Residents to the South East corner said that they have a tile coming from their property that drains in there.
    - Resident across the street expressed concern about the drainage.
    - Paul Auto was present to review the drainage plans. Ponds on lot A and C will handle the water

and have water in them all the time. There is a 10 inch tile coming from the property to the North, it will be rerouted if too shallow.

- **Motion** by Sebring to approve seconded by Harju; all voted aye.

**b. Request of PLS Properties LLC for a conditional use permit to allow Industrial Development at the property at 195 Swendra Boulevard NE.**

- Conditional use permit is for the first building only.
- **Motion** by Sebring to allow the conditional use permit seconded by Martinson; all voted aye.

**c. Request of the City of Cokato to amend Section 51 of the City Code as it pertains to allowable Plumbing Materials.**

- Materials need to be approved by the city engineer and public works
- **Motion** by Wilson to amend the city code seconded by Harju; all voted aye.

**d. Request of the City of Cokato to amend Section 95.04 of the City Code Public Nuisances affecting Peace and Safety by adopting Noise Regulations.**

- In addition to former section 95.04, sets more specific timelines of 7 am – Sunset.
- Snow removal on private property is an exception and will be allowed earlier or later with due respect to neighbors.
- **Motion** by Martinson to amend the City Code Section 95.04 seconded by Wilson; all voted aye.

**e. Request of the City of Cokato amending Section 51.041(B)(1) of the City Code as it pertains to the point of sale sanitary sewer televising.**

- It was discussed if the current owners are going through a divorce and one of the original owners remains the same a sewer inspection will not need to be completed.
- After discussion council stated they would need more clarification on the language of the City Code Section 51.041(B)(1).

**f. 2022-2023 Work Compensation and Property Insurance Policy**

- Deductibles will remain the same.
- Property insurance went down from \$139,384.00 to \$130,040.
- At the origination of the Cokato Mall the ownership of the parcels is the City of Cokato. The city agreed to own and maintain the parking lot in front, behind, and to the side of the mall.
- **Motion** to approve by Wilson seconded by Harju; all voted aye.

**g. Parking Lot Improvements behind the Cokato Mall.**

- Bid by Mid MN \$24,990.
- Cost will be split with Kensington Bank paying \$10,421 and the City of Cokato paying \$14,569.
- Agree to put asphalt over the top of the concrete
- **Motion** by Harju to approve the lot improvements seconded by Wilson; all voted aye.

**h. Possible Increase in Wages for Ambulance Members**

- Current pay was \$3 above minimum wage and \$1.74/hr on call.
- Because of staffing issues, it is recommended to raise the on call wages to \$2/hr Monday-Friday 6 pm and \$4/hr Friday 6 pm – Monday 6 am. Along with Holidays: New Year's Eve, New Years Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.
- **Motion** by Mayor Erickson to approve new ambulance wages seconded by Martinson; Wilson voted aye, Sebring and Harju abstained from voting.

**i. Possible new Computer Server**

- Removed from agenda by Brad

**6. Public Works/Parks**

- Compost site is getting a lot of unapproved items including concrete, cement tubes, and deck boards with nails. Public works will keep an eye on what people are bringing and keep council updated. The

compost site is only for City of Cokato residents. If improper items continue to be brought in the city will need to consider a locked fence.

**7. Financial Reports**

- a. Approval of Claims - \$168,187.39
  - **Motion** by Sebring to approve claims in the amount of \$168,187.39, seconded by Harju; all voted aye.
- b. Cash and Budget Reports
  - **Motion** by Sebring to approve cash and budget reports, seconded by Martinson; all voted aye.

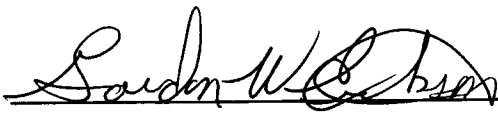
**8. Reports & Information**

- August meeting will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> because of the Corn Carnival.

**9. Adjournment**

- **Motion** by Harju to adjourn, seconded by Martinson, all voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

  
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Megan Gustafson, City Clerk

  
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Gordon W. Erickson, Mayor