

**CITY OF STARBUCK**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 8, 2023**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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<b>Mayor:</b>	<b>Gary Swenson</b>	<b>City Clerk/Treasurer:</b>	Joan Kerkvliet
<b>Councilors:</b>	<b>Steve Gorder</b>	<b>Police Chief:</b>	Mitch Johnsrud
	<b>Chris Taffe</b>		
	<b>Mary Baukol</b>		
	<b>Dane Christensen</b>		

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**MINUTES – Approved 6/12/23**

***PUBLIC HEARINGS***

*None*

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - Meeting was called to order by Mayor Swenson at 6:31pm.
2. Roll Call - Swenson, Christensen, Baukol, Gorder and Taffe Present.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Claims for Payment
5. Approve minutes from previous meeting(s)
  - a) Council Meeting – April 10, 2023

**Motion by Swenson; second by Baukol** to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
**Motion carried (4-0).**

**III. ANYONE BEFORE COUNCIL**

6. Don Williamson – West Central Sanitation
  - a) New Garbage & Recycling Contract  
Taylor Williamson was at the council meeting to represent West Central Sanitation. He asked the council if they had any questions regarding the proposed five-year contract. Mayor Swenson asked if the rates would remain the same as they were with Mattheisen. Mr. Williamson said they would with the exception of any increases from Pope Douglas Solid Waste. These increases average 4% a year and will be passed on to the customer when they happen. Mayor Swenson asked if West Central Sanitation was agreeable to doing a clean up day each year which they assured him they would do. With no more questions, the council thanked Mr. Williamson for his time.
7. Jeff Aaberg – Starbuck Men’s Veterans Auxiliary
  - a) Donation for the Starbuck Lighthouse Project  
On behalf of the Men’s and Women’s Veteran’s Auxiliary, Mr. Aaberg presented the city with a donation check of \$12,719.96 to be used for the new lighthouse in the marina. The council thanked the Auxiliary for their hard work and generous donation.  
Mayor Swenson told the council that Hanson Communication had talked to him regarding a \$10,000 donation to the Lighthouse Fund, but they would like to see a matching contribution.

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**Motion by Swenson; second by Gorder** for the city to contribute \$10,000 towards the construction of a new lighthouse in the marina to be matched by Hansen Communication. **Motion carried (5-0).**

- b) Approve Resolution #2023-12 – Starbuck Men’s Veterans Auxiliary  
**Motion by Swenson; second by Baukol** to approve resolution #2023-12 accepting the donation of \$12,719.96 from the Men’s and Women’s Auxiliary towards the Lighthouse Fund. **Motion carried (5-0).**

8. Madisen Hall

- a) Appeal of a Dangerous Dog Designation by the Starbuck Police  
Madisen Hall came before the council to appeal the Dangerous Dog designation given to her and Riley Johnson’s dog Cali. Ms. Hall told the council that her dog had gotten loose in the past but had never bitten anyone. They now have a new fence to contain the dog and it is tied to a run inside the fence. Morgan Flanigan, a neighbor of Ms. Hall’s at 307 W 5<sup>th</sup> St., said she will be very concerned if the dog ever gets out of the yard. It had chased and scared her kids. She feels the dog needs training. Police Chief Johnsrud agreed that the dog has not bitten anyone, but they have had numerous complaints about the dog running loose and scaring people. He told Ms. Hall he was willing to declare the dog Potentially Dangerous and they would need to get the dog microchipped and keep it contained. Ms. Hall agreed to those conditions.

9. Jenny Tolifson – Neon Loon

- a) New Business Owner in Starbuck  
Jennifer and Greg Tolifson came before the council to introduce themselves as the new owners of the Neon Loon Coffee Shop in Starbuck. The Tolifson’s plan to be open sometime in June. The council thanked them for coming and wished them luck in their new venture.

10. Larry Van Hout/Nick Koos - Widseth

- a) 2020 Road Project  
Nick Koos told the council he continues to check with MnDOT on getting approval on the final numbers.
- b) Marina Lighthouse Project  
Mr. Koos told the council the structural engineer is working on specs for the base of the lighthouse. They can then get the cost of the base and will know what can be spent on the rest of the structure.
- c) Discuss the Broadway/Pope/Teigen Road Project. Original Cost Estimate of \$736,971 done in July of 2022.  
Mr. Koos provided the council with the 2022 estimated costs of the Broadway/Pope/Teigen road project if Teigen Street was to be omitted. The new cost estimate came to \$509,429. Councilmember Christensen stated the city may want to look at putting the money into repair of existing roads. The council will take this under advisement.

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**IV. PERSONNEL REPORTS**

11. Mayor
- a) Mustang Seeds – New Business Coming to Starbuck  
Mayor Swenson told the council that Mustang Seeds will be building a new 60'x80' warehouse in the empty lot they purchased next to Dycast.
  - b) Child Care Update  
Mayor Swenson said there will be a new daycare opening at Glacial Hills Charter School and the Minnewaska Lutheran Home is looking into a possible daycare at their facility.
  - c) Blight  
Mayor Swenson said there is a blight problem in Starbuck, and he would like to pick up the enforcement of blight.  
**Motion by Swenson; second by Christensen** to send out letters to landlords reminding them of the blight ordinance and that it will be enforced. **Motion carried (5-0).**
  - d) Starbuck Chamber – Contribution from City  
Mayor Swenson told the council that Glenwood contributes \$8K to \$10K per year to the Glenwood Chamber and he would like the council to consider doing the same. He will talk to the chamber about what they would use the money for.
12. Police
- a) Monthly Report  
Chief Johnsrud told the council that were 161 calls for service in April. He also told the council that he had received the resignation of PT Officer Cole Reichenbacher effective 4/27/2023.  
**Motion by Christensen; second by Taffe** to accept the resignation of PT Police Officer Cole Reichenbacher effective 4/27/2023. **Motion carried (4-0).**
- Chief Johnsrud updated the council on the steps that were to be completed before Officer Alex Olson could return to work after the officer involved shooting in April. Chief Johnson thanked the city and the town of Starbuck for all their support during this difficult time. The council thanked the Starbuck Police Dept. for their service to the community.
- Chief Johnsrud asked the council for their approval of two FOP gambling permits. One would allow raffle tickets to be sold for a September 16, 2023 event to benefit Deputy Josh Owen and Officers Brody Merrill and Alex Olson. The second would be for the annual Pheasant hunt Banquet on October 20, 2023.  
**Motion by Taffe; second by Gorder** to allow the FOB gambling raffle requests for September 16, 2023 and October 20, 2023. **Motion carried (4-0).**

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13. Water/Sewer  
a) Monthly Report  
Randy Peterson would like approval to purchase 10 loads of class 5 gravel at a cost of \$13.75/yd from Kannegiesser. This will be approximately \$234/load.  
**Motion by Gorder; second by Taffe** to purchase class 5 gravel from Kannegiesser's at the cost of \$13.75/yd. **Motion carried (4-0).**

Mr. Peterson told the council he had received frames for the new marina docks. These docks still need to be built so will be put in the Hobo Park side of the marina next year. Mr. Pederson also let the council know that there are holes in the sand truck, and it is no longer safe to drive. He will be looking for quotes for a sander to fit in the dump truck.

Mr. Pederson received two quotes to install a generator in the community center as well as at a lift station. We will not be able to get an automatic transfer option but will only have to flip one switch. The bids received were from Ogdahl Electric for \$17,875 and Messner Electric at \$18,025.66. After discussion with the council, it was decided to accept the more detailed bid from Messner Electric.  
**Motion by Gorder; second by Christensen** to accept the bid of Messner Electric of \$18,025.66 for the installation of a generator at the community center and one at the lift station by Minnewaska Marine. **Motion carried (4-0).**

14. Fire Department  
a) Chief Noyes - Monthly Update – No update from Chief Noyes.  
Mayor Swenson told the council that the Fire Dept. is looking into purchasing a Jaws of Life and donating it back to the city.
15. City Clerk/Treasurer  
a) Per the LMC-MN Legislature will likely implement the Juneteenth Holiday in 2023 instead of 2024 as originally planned.  
b)

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

16. Planning & Zoning  
17. Airport Committee  
18. Streets and Parks  
19. Community Center

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

20. Treatment for Starry Stonewort/Milfoil for 2023.  
**Motion by Gorder; second by Taffe** to set up with hand removal of Starry Stonewort and Milfoil with Waterfront Restoration for 2023. **Motion carried (4-0).**

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**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

22. Approve Resolution #2023-08 - Contract for Garbage Removal-West Central Sanitation  
**Motion by Gorder; second by Taffe** to approve a five-year contract with West Central Sanitation per the details in the 2011 proposal and this resolution. **Motion Carried (4-0).**

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23. Approve Resolution #2023-09 - Accept Donation from Dave/Colleen Johnsrud for the Lighthouse Fund.  
**Motion by Gorder; second by Taffe** to approve Dave & Coleen Johnsrud's \$1,000 donation to the Lighthouse fund. The council thanks the Johnsrud's for their generous donation. **Motion carried (4-0).**
24. Approve Resolution #2023-10 - Accept Donations to the Police Department for the Kid's Safety Camp.  
**Motion by Gorder; second by Taffe** to approve the donations to Kid's Safety Camp Through April 30, 2023. **Motion carried (4-0).**
25. Approve Tiffany Holten as the New Kitchen Manager as of June 1, 2023.
26. Approve Resolution #2023-11 – Accept Donations to the Starbuck Airport from Gary Swenson.  
**Motion by Christensen; second by Baukol** to approve the donations to the Starbuck Airport as documented in Resolution 2023-11. The city thanks Mayor Swenson for his generous donation.
27. Discuss Rental Limits on Hobo Park Lakeshore Daily Sites #51- #54.  
The council discussed limiting the time that daily lakeshore lots 51-54 could be rented to one person to no more than one month at a time.  
**Motion by Gorder; second by Taffe** to make no changes to the policy at this time. **Motion carried (4-0).**

**VIII. CLOSED MEETING**

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**IX. ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Gorder** to adjourn meeting at 7:50pm. **Motion carried (4-0)**

Submitted by,  
*Joan Kerkvliet*  
City Clerk/Treasurer