

CITY OF STARBUCK
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 18, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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

MINUTES – Approved 8/14/2023

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 6:30pm.
2. Roll Call - Swenson, Christensen, Baukol, and Taffe Present. Gorder Absent.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Claims for Payment
5. Approve minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - a) Council Meeting – June 12, 2023
Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen to approve the consent agenda as amended to include a discussion of Starry Stonewor and the Josh Owen Memorial Dance.
Motion carried (3-0).

III. ANYONE BEFORE COUNCIL

6. Bruce Rieland
 - a) Grass – Why has MnDOT done nothing.
Did not attend meeting.
7. Nick Koos - Widseth
 - a) Starbuck Lighthouse Update
Greg Bohl, Widseth Architect, presented a revised lighthouse plan to the council. A railing has been added to the design which can be deleted to reduce cost. The preliminary figures on construction costs were \$187,000. The next step would be authorizing Widseth to put together specs and get bids on the project. Mayor Swenson felt that the costs were higher than expected and the council will be discussing further fundraising options.
 - b) 2020 Road Project
Nick Koos had no new updates on finalizing the project. MnDOT is still finalizing project cost numbers.
8. Gene Rossum
 - a) Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement
Mr. Rossum addressed the council to say he felt people were not taking pride in the community. He said there are yards with junk, some broken up sidewalks and unlicensed cars in yards. He would like to see more ordinances enforced

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and something done to correct the situation.

IV. PERSONNEL REPORTS

9. Mayor
- a) Starry Stonewort
- Mayor Swenson stated that he did not like the letter to the editor in the paper regarding Starry Stonewort treatment or the fact the city was not asked for their side of the story in the publisher's response. He would like to set up a meeting with the Lake Assoc. and DNR to produce a plan for treatment in 2024. Councilor Christensen stated that we need to come up with a plan as early as possible, preferably this fall. He also stated that we do not want chemical damage to anyone's personal property in the marina because of someone's recommendation.
- Motion by Swenson; second by Christensen** to set up a meeting with the Lake Association and DNR to recommend a treatment plan for Starry Stonewort in 2024. **Motion Carried (4-0)**
10. Police
- a) Monthly Report
- Officer Franks told the council there had been 219 calls for service in June. He stated they had placed a speed trailer on the east side of town, and will do additional patrolling, to try and curtail the speeding issue. Franks also told the council he had received one grant for additional golf cart signage but, as it didn't look like they would receive a second grant, may come to the council and ask for funds for the sign.
- Officer Franks asked the council for permission to hold a Josh Owen Memorial Dance through the FOB Lodge 23 on Sept. 16, 2023. The Fire Dept will manage the Liquor License and insurance for the event.
- Motion by Taffe; second by Baukol** to approve FOB Lodge 23 holding the Josh Owen Memorial Street Dance at the Starbuck Community Center on Sept. 16, 2023. **Motion Carried (3-0).**
- Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen** to approve a one-day Liquor License for the FOB Lodge 23, with help from the Starbuck Fire Dept, for the Josh Owen Memorial Street Dance at the Starbuck Community Center on Sept. 16, 2023. **Motion Carried (3-0).**
11. Water/Sewer
- a) Compare Quotes from Ferguson Paving and Joe Riley Construction for Road Repair.
- Motion by Taffe; second by Baukol** to accept the 6/15/23 bid from Ferguson Paving of \$139,330 for road repair to be paid for with remaining American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. **Motion Carried (3-0).**

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- b) Bids on Sand/Salt Spreader for Maintenance Truck.
Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen to approve the purchase of a 2.8 yd SaltDogg Salt/Sand Spreader from Minnewaska Marine at a cost of \$9,295.
Motion Carried (3-0).

Randy Peterson, Water/Sewer Superindendant, asked the council permission to sell the old city sand truck and the F350 1996 dump truck. The city could possibly buy a side X side with the proceeds.

Motion by Christensen; second by Taffe to approve the sale of the old city sand truck and the F350 1996 one-ton dump truck. **Motion Carried (3-0).**

12. Fire Department
a) Chief Noyes - Monthly Update
Chief Noyes was not at the meeting.

13. City Clerk/Treasurer
a) Cannabis Ordinances Prohibiting Use in Public Places/Cannabis Nuisance Ordinance to be Considered at August Council Meeting.
City Clerk/Treasurer Kerkvliet told the council there were two potential cannabis ordinances in the packets for their review and possible approval at the August council meeting.
Kerkvliet also told the council there was a Work Comp audit in progress.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Planning & Zoning
15. Airport Committee
16. Streets and Parks
a) Cottonwood Tree in Hobo Park Campground – Should it be Cut Down.
Residents of Hobo Park, as well as a Hobo Park city employee, addressed the council asking that a cottonwood tree in the park be taken down. They felt the tree produced excessive cotton that interfered with air conditioner units as well being a danger to come down in a storm.
Motion by Baukol; second by Taffe to approve the bid of \$2,450 from A+ Tree Service to remove the cottonwood tree. **Motion Carried (3-0).**

17. Community Center

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 18.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

19. Approve a Public Hearing Request - Request to Subdivide PID #27-0664-001 on E. 2nd Street.
Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen to approve a Public Hearing request to Subdivide PID #27-0664-001 on E. 2nd Street. **Motion carried (3-0).**

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20. Approve Resolution #2023-17 – \$500 Donation from Riverview Farms for a Shed at the City Airport.
Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen to approve Resolution #2023-17 accepting A \$500 donation from Riverview Farms for a shed at the airport.
Motion carried (3-0).
21. Approve a Public Hearing Request - Variance for Garage Wall Height as well as the Overall Height of a New Dwelling. Jeseritz Lot - 602 E. 2nd St.
Motion by Taffe; second by Baukol to approve a public hearing request for a variance.
Motion carried (3-0).
22. Approve Public Hearing in August for Ordinance Temporarily Prohibiting the Operation of a Cannabis Business in the City of Starbuck.
Motion by Taffe; second by Baukol to approve Public Hearing in August for Ordinance temporarily prohibiting the operation of a cannabis business in the City of Starbuck.
Motion carried (3-0).
23. Discuss Resident’s Email – Traffic & Noise Concerns on Hwy 28.
Per Officer Ryan Franks, a speed trailer has been placed on the east side of town to try and help with the speeding problem. Officer Franks said the department would do extra patrolling in the area.
24. Approve Resolution #2023-18 – \$3,455 Donation from the Starbuck Men’s Veterans Auxiliary for Beach Equipment.
Motion by Taffe; second by Christensen to approve Resolution #2023-18 accepting The donation of \$3,455 from the Starbuck Men’s Auxiliary for beach equipment.
Motion carried (3-0).
25. Discuss ADA Mobi-Mat Walkway at City Beach.
Motion by Baukol; second by Taffe to approve the purchase of a 50’ Mobi-Mat at a cost of \$2,219 plus freight to be used at the Starbuck Beach. The donation from the Starbuck Men’s Auxiliary in item #23 will be used to fund this purchase.
Motion carried (3-0).

VIII. CLOSED MEETING

26. None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Taffe to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. **Motion carried (3-0)**

Submitted by,
Joan Kerkvliet
City Clerk/Treasurer