

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2021**

The Cass Lake City council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday January 13, 2021 at 6:00pm following a working session at the Cass Lake Municipal Center.

Attendance: Mayor Herschel Ogema, Councilors Mike Hanson, Carla Jones-Leecy, David Fineday Jr., Richard Molash

Also in Attendance: Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer, Jason Raymond, PW Supervisor, Alan Olson, Cass Lake Times, Rittgers, Sheriff Dept,

Mayor Ogema opened the meeting at 6:00pm

1) **Draft Minutes:** None

2) **Consent Agenda**

a. Minutes:

12-9-2020 Council Meeting Minutes

b. Claims & Payroll:

Claims # 14927-14985 for \$112,590.14 & 14988-15004 for \$41847.49

Payroll 25 for \$7,382.48

Payroll 26 for \$7,318.66

4th Qtr Council for \$590.00

C. Investments:

Attached with Recommendations under New Business

A **Motion** by Hanson, second by Molash to waive reading of Consent Agenda and Approve as presented:
Motion Passed

3) **Scheduled Groups or Individuals** None

4) **Council Committee Meetings:** None

5) **Special Committee Meetings:** None

6) **Department Head Reports:**

Sue Uhrinak, Clerk-Treasurer:

Daily work and receipts, posted invoices, payroll, W2's, filed quarterly tax return, monthly census reporting, quarterly Building Permit report and annual report to county, balanced check book, Utility bills and annual maintenance, started year end reports for auditor, moved boxes to storage room and very busy with MV & DNR.

Public Works: Jason Raymond – report attached

A **Motion** by Molash, second by Hanson to allow Jason to do what needs to be done to fix the issue with the sewer line at the Dog Pound. **Motion Passed**

7) **Attorney Reports:**

None

8) **Notices & Communications:**

a. Monthly Report from Chris Sonmor WSB:

LRIP grant deadline is 3-3-21 with 3-4K for application work. Storm sewer & Street would be the ones to look at applying for. Frontage road on north side of HWY 2, not much utility, so could be just grind and mill with overlay. Resolution would need to be done in February. There is about 25 million for rural Minnesota and safety plays a big part. Jason & Chris will look at what is the best project and bring back to council.

b. Cass Forest Products letter, review and decision made.

A **Motion** by Molash, seconded by Hanson to have City Attorney draft resolution to proceed on Violation for CFP. **Motion Passed**

9) Old Business: Lift Station at CheWe? Sent 2 emails on this and the new dumping policy and received no response.

A **Motion** by Molash, seconded by Hanson to have Clerk send letter and also bill out as reading with out adjustments even if extremely high. **Motion Passed**

Issue with dog pound cleaning, needs to be addressed at a Public Works Committee Meeting
Gates are now locked at dog pound and cameras are being picked up and installed next week
HIS needs to have Ambulances moved off of 7th Street. Terry Conner controls the ambulance part of this.
Mike will contact him.

10) New Business:

A **Motion** by Molash, second by Hanson to Approve proposal from Storlie Construction for removal of city owned building on First Street & Balsam Avenue for \$7,200. **Motion Passed**

A **Motion** by Fineday, second by Ogema to Approve participating in the Region Five Energy & Environment planning project Grant. **Motion Passed**

A **Motion** by Hanson, second by Jones-Leecy to pay off the PFA Loan on the Water Tower 1 year early for \$79,000 to save interest. **Motion Passed**

A **Motion** by Molash, second Jones-Leecy to transfer \$100,000 from General Fund to Hwy/Street investment account. **Motion Passed**

A **Motion** by Molash, second by Hanson to transfer \$150,000 from General Fund to Water Infrastructure replacement Account. **Motion Passed**

A **Motion** by Molash, second by Hanson to transfer \$150,000 from General Fund to Sewer Infrastructure replacement Account. **Motion Passed**

A **Motion** by Molash, second by Hanson to approve purchase of 10 – 6’ Christmas Lights for Hwy 371 and 4 – 4’ Christmas lights for second street from Display Sales for base of \$4,744 plus shipping. **Motion Passed**

11) Announcements and Information:

12) Items Removed from Consent Agenda

13) Groups or Individuals not on the Agenda

A **Motion** by Hanson, second by Jones-Leecy to Adjourn Regular Council meeting at 6:22pm.

Attest:

Herschel Ogema, Mayor

Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer