

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2023**

The Cass Lake City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday October 24, 2023 after being rescheduled from October 11, 2023.

Attendance: Mayor Herschel Ogema, Councilors Carla Jones-Leecy, Jerry Smith, Annie Sevenich

Absent: Councilor Mike Hanson

Also Present: Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer, Chris Sonmor, Engineer, Allan Olson CL Times, Levi Brown, Faron Jackson, Richard Jones

1) **Draft Minutes:** None

2) **Consent Agenda**

a. Minutes:

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b. Claims & Payroll:

Claims # 13650- 13724 for \$102,897.62 & *claims 13725-13734 for \$30,81.01*

Payroll #19 for \$12,199.15

Payroll #20 for \$10,908.08

Payroll #21 for \$10,655.91

3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Council Payroll for \$1,550.00

A **Motion** by Jones-Leecy second by Smith to waive reading of Consent Agenda and Approve as presented:

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

3) **Scheduled Groups or Individuals**

Not on agenda, but present Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson, Asst. Richard Jones, MnDOT Tribal Liaison Levi Brown. Council allowed them to address the council on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street matter that they have been trying to have the city vacate. Liaison Brown stated that there is a process that can be done with regards to the GO Bond from the LRIP Grant. So even with the 37 year on no sale, as long as the street is appraised and sold for appraised value with the proceeds going to MMB to pay off the note, it is possible for the city to vacate the street. Mr. Jackson spoke about the need for the pharmacy and that it would server the general public to have it there. Council member Smith asked about the Statute, in which Clerk-Treasurer read the statute along with the last letter given to Tribal inhouse counsel Chris Murry. Mr. Jones spoke about it serving the public as well and would like the council to meet again with them and legal counsel to come to an agreement if possible. Clerk-Treasurer Uhrinak was directed to assist in setting up a meeting to take place at city hall with all parties.

4) **Council Committee Meetings:**

9-27-23 Property Committee: Hanson/Jones-Leecy met with Ryan Erickson to discuss the purchase to 2 parcels to build new single-family homes for re-sale.

5) **Special Council Meetings:**

6) **Department Head Reports:**

**Sue Uhrinak, Clerk-Treasurer:**

Put posting & application packet together for Deputy Clerk position, attended Region II meeting in Carlton on October 6, worked on budget, worked on trailhead project documents, attended Comprehensive plan meeting, worked on Superfund NRD project with Sara Peterson, Phase I assessment on Evergreen property is complete and will be needed to do the Phase II before we can close on the purchase, DMV monthly training, balanced bank accounts, Utility bills and account maintenance, prepared council packets, processed claims for month, ran checks, payroll, daily business, posted receipts, sent out business license renewals. Keep office a float until deputy position is filled. Jill Quaderer resigned from dog pound, as she has taken a position with Red Lake Police Department.

**Public Works: Jason Raymond – Not Present**

7) **Attorney Reports:** Possible update from Sara Peterson Closed Session pursuant to MS Stat 13D.05, Subd 3 (C) Attorney Client Privilege at the end of the meeting.

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**8) Notices & Communications:**

- a. Chris Sonmor Report: working on Park checklist for the DNR with environmental to be done mid November and preliminary plans to be submitted to State by end of year.
- b. Photo's of crack sealing from Billy Conner. Project is now complete for this year which used 42.75 hours. There was a problem with a small section by Carla's house that will need to be touched up next year.

**9) Old Business: None**

**10) New Business:**

A **Motion** by Jones-Leecy second by Sevenich to Approve the Sale of Parcel 85-337-1550 and Parcel 85-337-1105 to Ryan Erickson for \$1,000 as recommended by the Property Committee. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A **Motion** Jones-Leecy second by Smith to Approve the purchase of Tax forfeited properties 85-337-0920, 85-337-0921, 85-337-0830 and 85-337-0825 for \$6,985.60 for Downtown Re-Development. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A **Motion** by Smith seconded by Sevenich to Approve **Resolution 08-2023 A Resolution Regarding City of Cass Lake Investment Accounts.** **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A **Motion** by Smith second by Jones-Leecy to Approve **Resolution 09-2023 A Resolution for Grant Funding Assistance for C011-23-1A** (Trailhead Grant) for providing matching funds. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A **Motion** by Sevenich second by Smith to Approve **Resolution 10-2023 A Resolution naming a Public Park in Honor of Chief John Smith.** **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A **Motion** by Jones-Leecy second Ogema to Approve making offer to Amanda Payment to fill the Deputy Clerk position and to have starting wage at Step 3per the AFSCME Union pay scale. **2-2 Motion Failed Jones-Leecy & Ogema in favor, Smith & Sevenich Opposed.**

Discussion on who was better candidate even though one scored 30 points higher than the other. One candidate can't start until after November 28 due to no daycare and the other would be able to start November 20. Clerk-Treasurer directed to set special Meeting for Monday October 30 for full council to be in attendance

**11) Announcements and Information:**

- a. Revenue & Expenditure Guideline as of October 19, 2023
- b. Library Strategies

**12) Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

**13) Groups or Individuals not on the Agenda**

A **Motion** by Jones-Leecy seconded by Smith to go into a closed session pursuant to MS Stat 13D.05, Subd 3 (C) for update on NRD Settlement at 6:45pm. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A **Motion** by Smith second by Sevenich to adjourn closed session and return to Regular Council meeting at 7:16pm. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

A **Motion** by Jones-Leecy seconded by Smith to Adjourn Regular Session at 7:18pm. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

**ATTEST:**

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**Herschel Ogema, Mayor**

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**Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer**