

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 30, 2023

The Cass Lake City Council held a Special meeting on Monday October 30, 2023 at the Cass Lake Municipal Center at 7:30am.

Present: Mayor Herschel Ogema, Councilors Mike Hanson, Carla Jones-Leecy, Jerry Smith and Annie Sevenich

Also Present: Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk Treasurer

Mayor Ogema opened the meeting at 7:40am

1. Discussion on Deputy Clerk Candidates Ciarra Howard and Amanda Payment. Scoring had Payment with 30 more points, she has the Deputy Clerk experience. Howard has limited experience as deputy clerk, and some motor vehicle. Both would have to be trained on Motor Vehicle as the systems have changed.

A **Motion** by Jones-Leecy second by Hanson to offer Deputy Clerk Position to: Amanda Payment at a starting rate of \$19.26, Step 2 of the 2023 pay scale. **Motion Passed 3-2 with Smith & Sevenich Nay**

2. Conference call with Joe Langel, City Attorney regarding Request to Vacate 7th Street and sell to the Tribe. Mr. Langel clarified the Statutory Standard for Vacating a street, listing:
 - a. Has to be in the interest of the general public
 - b. Dollars the city has spent to upgrade the street shows evidence that the city deems the street a significant public interest
 - c. The street is a significant East/West corridor
 - d. Must have a public hearing
 - e. Any findings must be recorded and prove to be in the best interest of the general public, which in this case, that isn't any proof to satisfy the standard

IHS has no extra authority regarding this matter. It would be no different that a CVS or Walgreens coming into town and wanting the city to give up a street. IHS will have to reconfigure their plans to fit into their existing property.

A **Motion** by Hanson, seconded by Jones-Leecy to Adjourn Special council meeting at 8:17am. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Herschel Ogema, Mayor

Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer