

**MINUTES OF
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 09, 2022**

The Cass Lake City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday November 14, 2022 at 6:00pm following a working session at 5:30pm.

Mayor Ogema opened the meeting at 6:00pm

Attendance: Mayor Herschel Ogema, Councilor Members Mike Hanson, Richard Molash, Carla Jones-Leecy
Absent: Council Member David Fineday JR.

Also Present: Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer, Jason Raymond, Public Works, Chris Sonmor, Moore Engineering, Allan Olson, CL Times, Brad Rittgers, Cass County Sheriff's Dept. Mike Myers, Rez Resilient Eco Solutions.

- 1) **Draft Minutes:** None
- 2) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes:
10-12-22 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. Claims & Payroll:
Claims # 12823-12873 for \$60,076.13
Payroll 21 for \$10,537.99
Payroll 22 for \$10,397.72

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

3) **Scheduled Groups or Individuals**

Mike Myers – Rez Resilient Eco Homes presentation: Mr. Myers presented this business and requested the city consider selling property for the construction of the manufacturing business. It would initially supply 17 new full-time jobs with annual payroll of approximately \$2 million dollars and property investment of \$6.5 Million dollars to the community.

4) **Council Committee Meetings:** None

5) **Special Council Meetings:**

10-18-22 Joint Meeting with LLBO: Molash, Hanson, Fineday, Jones-Leecy. Molash spoke to the mayor about cancelling this meeting and not letting anyone else know. The other 4 members took time off of work and showed up for the meeting and LLBO was all set up with food also. Going forward when these meetings are set up, no one council member can cancel it if they can not attend. It takes too long to get these scheduled and it isn't fair to everyone else.

6) **Department Head Reports:**

Sue Uhrinak, Clerk-Treasurer:

Attended Teams Mtg with MNDot & Workforce Housing Partners, met with Sara Peterson & DNR and NRD at Villier Park, prepared for November 8 Election as Head Judge, worked on 2023 budget and put together packet for council to review, balanced bank accounts, Utility bills and account maintenance, prepared council packets, processed claims for month, ran checks, payroll, daily business, posted receipts.

City Clerk-Treasurer Uhrinak presented a slide presentation to the council on the proposed 2023 budget. She indicated that the preliminary was set at 8% and this proposed is at 5%. With the cost of inflation at 8% we are still coming in under that and it needs to be taken into consideration the costs the city incurs have all gone up.

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Public Works: Jason Raymond –

A Motion by Jones-Leecy, seconded by Hanson to approve purchase of personnel carrier & forks for loader to be in compliance with OSHA when putting up banners and holiday lighting not to exceed \$6,000. **Motion Passed**

7) Attorney Reports:

8) Notices & Communications:

- a. Chris Sonmor, Moore Engineering monthly report: should be getting app in for funding through Rural Water, USDA and also PFA for work on ponds. Should include this with the proposed streets projects.
- b. Workforce Housing Partners meeting notes from October 12, 2022 meeting
- c. Agenda from MnDot HWY 2 Corridor Study: Clerk-Treasurer Uhrinak: attended meeting and 3 potential options were presented. Broke into 3 groups and gave further comments on options to be reviewed and brought back to next meeting before Public Comment/Input sessions are scheduled.

9) Old Business:

- a. T-dock, Christmas lights, Prepared for Ice and snow storm, Rest Area completely done, January 3 2023 Organizational meeting.

10) New Business:

A Motion by Molash, seconded by Hanson to approve payment of claims received Nov 4 through Nov 30 to avoid late fees with full listing presented to Council at December Council meeting. **Motion Passed**

A Motion by Jones-Leecy, seconded by Hanson to approve Final Pay request to Christianson Construction for renovation project for \$12,547.60. **Motion Passed**

A Motion by Molash, seconded by Hanson to approve Christmas festivities on Sunday December 18 with possible street closure and parade. **Motion Passed**

11) Announcements and Information:

- a. Revenue & Expenditure Guideline as of November 3, 2022

12) Items Removed from Consent Agenda

13) Groups or Individuals not on the Agenda

A Motion by Hanson, seconded by Jones-Leecy to Adjourn Regular Session at 6:30pm. **Motion Passed**

Herschel Ogema, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer

