

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 10, 2021

The Cass Lake City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday March 10, 2021 at the Cass Lake Municipal Center following a working session.

Mayor Ogema opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

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

Also in Attendance: Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer, Jason Raymond, PW Supervisor, Brad Rittgers & Jesse Iverson Cass Co Sheriff's Dept., Ashley Zidon, Sourcewell, Clinton Fairbanks, LLBO Liaison, Leroy Staples-Fairbanks, LLBO Tribal Council, Josh Stevenson, Cass Co, Chris Sonmor, WSB.

- 1) **Draft Minutes:** None
- 2) **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Minutes:
2-10-21 Council Meeting Minutes
 - b. Claims & Payroll:
Claims # 15069-15129 for \$156,349.80
Payroll 3 for \$7,301.59
Payroll 4 for \$7,379.06
 - c. Account listing with Balances as of March 4, 2021

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

- 3) **Scheduled Groups or Individuals**
 - a. Ashley Zidon, Sourcewell, Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to work on list of individuals to contact for Committee. Created list of potential Committee members.
 - b. Clinton Fairbanks & Leroy Staples-Fairbanks LLBO, to discuss the proposed Tax Bill going through the legislature making certain property owned by the Band exempt from property taxes. If this passes, the city will have to pay back approximately \$32,000 already collected and will loose about \$16,000 a year going forward. Council acknowledged where this was coming from and was concerned about passing this extra burden on the rest of the tax payers in Cass Lake. The Council did not take any formal action to support or oppose the legislation proposed

- 4) **Council Committee Meetings:**
2-23-21 Personnel Committee: Negotiations: Leecy/Molash/Ogema negotiations went well and are glad they have come to an agreement.

- 5) **Special Committee Meetings:**
Fineday: Fire Association reported that they have interviewed and offered the Fire Chief position to Robert Jaspers.
Jones-Leecy: Kitchigami RLB reported they had a 2 hour zoom meeting to go through the levy and budget, etc.

6) Department Head Reports:

Sue Uhrinak, Clerk-Treasurer:

Filed annual DNR Water Report, Annual Summary Budget Report, Annual Outstanding Debt Report, Annual PERA reports, monthly census reporting, balanced check book, Utility bills and annual maintenance, worked on reports for auditor, set up utility files, minutes and correspondence from January meeting, entered claims for month and ran checks, payroll, web training for Motor Vehicle, daily business and receipts. Also reported information from Dave Goetz that they have removed 57 loads of material and the remainder will be gone by the end of the month.

Public Works: Jason Raymond – report attached

Water tower proposal will be on the April council meeting

7) Attorney Reports:

None

8) Notices & Communications:

- a. Monthly Report from Chris Sonmor WSB: LRIP grant submitted, will be working on Library grant and following up with city clerk to finalize.
- b. Annual Report from Cass County Sheriff's Office

9) Old Business:

1. Dog Pound sewer line will be repaired as soon as the frost is out
2. Letter to be sent to R & R Repair to remove vehicles off city street
3. Reach & Alliance Church picture of food distribution

10) New Business:

- a. A **Motion** by Jones-Leecy, second by Ogema to Approve ratification of AFSCME Union Contract for 2021-2023 and approve back pay for wages and benefits retroactive to January 1, 2021. **Motion Passed 3-0**
Molash & Fineday Abstained
- b. A **Motion** by Molash, seconded by Jones-Leecy to Approve ratification of Teamsters Union Contract for 2021-2023 and approve back pay for wages and benefits retroactive to January 1, 2021. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

11) Announcements and Information:

- a. Revenue & Expenditure Guideline as of March 4, 2021

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 Council meeting at 6:48pm **Motion Passed**

Herschel Ogema, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Uhrinak, City Clerk-Treasurer