

LAKEFIELD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 18, 2020

ADOPTED

CALL THE COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

Council Present: Brian Rossow, Nathan Hall, Bruce Bakalyar, Brent Pavelko, Andrea Monson

Council Via Go To Meeting: Andrew Konechne-Police, Justin Lessman-Media

Council Absent:

Others Present at Hall: Kelly Rasche-Clerk, Lance Frerichs-Street, Richard Doescher,

Agenda Approval – Motion to approve the agenda, with addition, made by **Pavelko/Monson**, voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

Minutes Approval – Motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2020, meeting made by **Bakalyar/Pavelko**, voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

Accounts Payable – Motion to approve the payments and the investment and transfer activity, in the amount of **\$576,647.65** made by **Hall/Monson**, voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

Street – the tile have been removed from the pool awaiting the replacement. **Other preparations have being done for the pool.**

Clerk – COVID signage

SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED GUESTS

Scheduled

Unscheduled

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Replacement of landscaping at pool** – The bushes at the pool are a prickly type that should be removed and replaced. The pool board discussed and the price for Lakefield Landscape is \$1,744.00. Motion to approve the landscape work in the amount of \$1,744.00 made by **Bakalyar/Monson**, all yes, motion carried. The council discussed if this work should be done if the pool doesn't open this season. It is felt now is a good time to do the work as there is more time to do the maintenance at the pool.
- 2. Review Quote(s) for ditch work at wastewater plant** – Three requests for quotes were sent for the emergency replacement of the of bearing and other parts of the wastewater ditch. The project requires the use of a crane. Only one quote was received in the amount of \$17,993 from Magney Construction. The other two contractors declined submitting a quote. Motion to approve the quote and direct staff and engineers to work with the contractor to complete the project made by **Pavelko/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.
- 3. R.O. Project Pay Request Approval** – Pay request for the month of April in the amount of \$236,188.92 from Magney Construction was presented. The work is approximately 15% complete. Engineers and staff recommend the payment of this request. Motion to approve the pay request in the amount of \$236,188.92 made by **Bakalyar/Monson**, all yes, motion carried.
- 4. Fire Department Turnout Gear USDA Rural Development Grant Acceptance** – USDA Rural Development has offered up to \$24,000 in grant for the city to purchase turnout gear for the fire department personnel. Council needs to consider approval of the letter of intent to meet conditions and request to obligate funds. Motion to approve the letter of conditions and request to obligate the funds

made by **Monson/Hall**, all yes, motion carried. Funds for the city share of the project will come from the fire department CIP fund. Motion to request obligation of funds made by **Hall/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried.

5. **Class of 2020 Proclamation JCC and HL-O** – The Mayor presented a proclamation to honor the Jackson County Central and Heron Lake Okabena class of 2020. COVID 19 has changed the world for the future leaders of Jackson County. Motion to declare May 22, 2020 a time of Appreciation for the senior classes of 2020 made by **Bakalyar/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.
6. **Chief Andrew Konechne Resignation** – Chief Konechne has submitted his letter of resignation. He accepted a position at the City of Arlington, MN. His last day will be June 4, 2020. Motion to accept his resignation made by **Monson/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried. Mayor Rossow asked for a motion to direct the police advisory committee and staff to research the options for Lakefield in response to the vacancy of Police Chief. Motion to direct the committee and staff to post for filling the position of chief, and research a Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) option and the option of having Jackson County coverage for Lakefield made by **Monson/Bakalyar**, all yes, motion carried.
7. **Jim Berkevich Agent to the city for beaver removal** – The ditch on the south side of the Mill Rd has beaver that have taken up residence. This issue has caused water issues for Jim Berkevich property. Jim has requested permission to become the City of Lakefield's agent for the dispatch of the nuisance beavers in the ditch. Motion to allow Jim Berkevich to act as an agent for the City in the removal of these nuisance beavers made by **Bakalyar/Hall**, all yes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **2019 Audit Presentation June 9th**. – Motion to postpone the June 8, 2020, council meeting to Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. made by **Bakalyar/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Other Board and Committee Reports**
2. **School Information as available**
3. **Safe Route to School Grant Award Information**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Next council meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

Motion to close the meeting at 7:31 p.m., made by **Hall/Pavelko**, all yes, motion carried.

Attest:

Kelly R. Rasche, Clerk

Brian Rossow, Mayor