

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 10, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Mary Pipping, Lance Severin, Anita Yokiell, Ryan Walker, Nick Soronson, Scott Dunbar and Mark Sharpless all of Consolidated Communications.

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2023, was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$161,015.49 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann and which carried with all voting in favor.

The Consolidated Communications group gave an update about upgrading the internet lines to fiber which will create faster speeds. They will be replacing the copper lines with fiber within the city and will take roughly 7-8 weeks to complete.

Mary Pipping was present to discuss emerald ash borer to her tree. She asked if the city has any plans on taking action on the trees in town. Councilmember Radel gave some suggestions and Pipping asked if the city could hold an open house to discuss what can be done with the trees.

Lance Severin was present representing the Crusin' Pine and 99 committee. He stated the group will be having a band on June 22 and August 17 which they will be on a trailer, and the trailer would be turned to block off Pine Street near Rapid Ricks.

Allowing Crusin' Pine and 99 group to put a trailer for their events on June 22 and August 17, to block off Pine Street near Rapid Ricks, with them leaving room behind the trailer for walking access and for the group to contact the Sheriff's department of their intentions was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Clerk noted that the Chamber is asking for the city tractor for city wide cleanup on May 6. It was noted part-time employee Mark Drill will operate the tractor during this event.

Clerk asked if Council would like to volunteer their time during Friendship Days.

Clerk stated that Mediacom has requested a special meeting to present their information on bringing fiber lines for the internet into the city. Also, a workshop with the sheriff regarding fines and fees on the parking ordinance.

Maintenance has requested to hire a part-time seasonal employee for mowing as Mike Holmin has decided to retire his position. Council has thanked Mike for his years of mowing. The Clerk was instructed to post the position and hiring will be at \$16.00 per hour. Maintenance can hire the candidate that he chooses.

Mayor Froehlich has requested that a special workshop is to be setup regarding a potential new development.

Ordinance No. 167 – Providing for the Management of Work in Public-Rights-of-Way and the Issuance of Right-of-Way Permits was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Waiving the monetary limits on municipal tort liability was approved on a motion which was made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

A request for funding from Southern MN Initiative Foundation was presented. No action was taken.

LG220 – Permits– American Legion Auxiliary, Bingo Event-Oct 14, Nov 4 and Dec 30, 2023 which was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) April 19, 2023, 5:30 pm, Workshop-Mediacom and Sheriff, Wednesday
- 2) May 8, 2023, 6:00 pm. Workshop-Potential New Development, Monday
- 3) May 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Wednesday
- 4) June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer