

Echo City Council
Monday, March 11th, 2024

The regular city council meeting of the City of Echo Minnesota was called to order by Acting Mayor Darren Gjerset at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

Present: Councilman Mark Schettler, Acting Mayor Darren Gjerset, Councilman Dan Larsen, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen, Fire Chief Matt Dunphy, First Responders Chief Chasity Kuehn. Absent was Mayor Busack, Councilman Hanson.

Citizens/Guests: Jaden Thedans, Wayne Petit, Joseph Olsen

Open Forum: Joseph Olsen was present to request a building permit for a fence in his yard. Received no objections from any neighbors. Motion made by Councilman Larsen, seconded by Councilman Schettler to approve the permit. Motion carried with Councilman Hanson and Mayor Busack absent.

Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:

Motion to approve, February 13th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Larsen, seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion carried with Mayor Busack and Councilman Hanson absent.

Reports:

Fire Department - Chief Matt Dunphy: Inquired if any council members would be able to attend the township meetings with Matt to discuss the fire contracts. Brought the pumper truck to Sioux Falls for maintenance. Stopped any leaks. Compressor is working properly.

First Responders - Chas Kuehn: Approached the council to ask for a stair chair for the first responders' rig. They range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. The chair would be beneficial to the crew members when moving patients up and down stairs. Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Larsen to approve the purchase of a stair chair with a max cost of \$2,000. Motion carried with Councilman Hansen and Mayor Busack absent. Asked if the hall would be available to hold a benefit for a member of the community. City waived any fees for the rental.

Maintenance Supervisor – The street sweeper is set up and ready to use. Training in St Cloud went well. Bollig will be in town in March to check lead service lines in residents' homes.

Mayor Busack – Absent

Councilman Schettler – Wanted to make sure the town residents know of city wide clean up. Posted on city website and sign on community center. Clerk will send out flyers as well. In absence of Councilman Hanson, Councilman Schettler spoke of cement issues by the door at the fire hall. Will need to be repaired. Lights outside of fire hall are mostly burned out. Council requested to replace the lights with red bulbs.

Councilman Gjerset – Addressed the council regarding repairing cemetery stones at the cemetery. Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Larsen to approve to have Darren repair the 5 stones that create a hazard. Motion carried with Councilman Hanson and Mayor Busack absent.

Councilman Hanson - Absent

Councilman Larsen-

Clerk Pitzl – City office will be closed March 19th to 22nd for MCFOA Conference in St. Cloud. The city had 21 residents vote in the primary election on March 5th. The State of Minnesota is reimbursing all cities and towns for any expenses incurred for the election. The Appeals and Equalization Meeting will be held on April 10th at 6:30 pm at the Echo Community Center.

Old Business:

New Business: The city received notice that the county will be holding a noxious weed meeting Thursday, March 21st at 10 am at the Clarkfield City Building. The city will not be sending anyone to the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Larsen to approve the consent agenda consisting of Bills, Payroll, and Bank Information. Motion carried with Councilman Hanson and Mayor Busack absent.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Larsen, and second by Councilman Schettler to adjourn regular meeting at 6:50 pm, motion carried with Councilman Hanson and Mayor Busack absent.

Mayor James Busack

City Clerk- Brian Pitzl