City Council Meeting

December 4, 2023

Sanford Room

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular council meeting was held at 7pm with the following members being present: Deb Hengel, Julie Larson, Darryl Larson, John Vankempen and Tom Grout.

Also present: Jay Sias, Lucy Anderson, Corey Berends, Dean Ellis, Nathan Porter and Sue Kulbiek.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated at this time.

Motion by Darryl Larson and seconded by Vankempen to approve the following meeting minutes: November 6th regular meeting and the November 20th 2023 Study Session Meeting minutes as presented. Motion was passed.

Committee reports:

Law enforcement: Mayor Hengel and CAT Holsen met with Sheriff Jon Combs and discussed how things were going in the city. It has been relatively quiet in Elbow Lake. We discussed the unsightly premises, vehicles parking the wrong way on city streets, the Holiday Christmas train event among other things.

Chamber of Commerce – Sue Kulbeik stated that their will be a community meal served after the Holiday Train event is over. She also stated that this is the first year that financially the chamber is in the black financially.

Lucy Anderson – library, informed the council on all the events planned around the Christmas Holiday. They are going to be very busy.

Mayor Hengel- informed the council that electric lineman Andrew Dirkes has left the employment of the city utility, as he has taken another job in Sauke Centre and the utility has hired Thomas P Lee to replace him.

Tom Grout – parks committee reported that the parks committee along with some city staff met with a representative from Fargo parks and playground company to get some ideas for what should go around the splash pad, such as tables, benches, shade and a playground set for kids. The rep will get back to us with a proposal. The city plans on applying for another DNR parks and rec. grant for this in January.

Motion by Grout and seconded by Julie Larson to approve the following 2024 liquor licenses to KLM LLC dba Knotty Pine Bar and Grill: off sale, on sale, beer and Sunday liquor license. Motion was passed.

Motion by Grout and seconded by Darryl Larson to approve a 2024 off sale liquor license to Northdale Oil Inc. dba Sisters Beer, Wine and Spirits. Motion was passed.

Motion by Vankempen and seconded by Darryl Larson to approve the 2024 City of Elbow Lake Budget (a copy can be seen at the city offices) as presented. Motion was passed.

Councilperson Darryl Larson introduced the following resolution and was seconded by councilperson Vankempen to move for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following sums be and hereby levied upon the taxable properties in the City of Elbow Lake, Grant County, Minnesota for the year 2024 for the following sums:

General property $577,767.00

Arts 4,000.00

Recreation 10,500.00

PERA 23,000.00

Fire Relief 12,600.00

Library 105,140.00

Debt Service 25,000.00

TOTAL YEAR 2024 LEVY $758,007.00

Voting yes: all present

Voting no: none

Resolution was passed this 4th day of December 2023.

Motion by Darryl Larson and seconded by Vankempen to approve the proposed airport Capital Improvement Plan for year 2024, which includes the following:

1. Reconfigure Apron – design, bid out
2. Beacon – design, bid and Construction of
3. Partial Parallel Taxiway – design and bid
4. Partial parallel taxiway – construction of

Voting yes: all present

Voting no: none

Motion was passed.

Motion by Vankempen and seconded by Darryl Larson to approve the bills payables as presented.

Motion was passed.

Motion by Grout and seconded by Julie Larson to adjourn this meeting at 7:40 pm.

Jeff Holsen

Clerk Admin. Treas.