

Pennock City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Pennock City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pennock Community Center. The following members were present Mayor Kevin Crowley, Council members Jeff Arends, Bruce Bastin, Dave Miller and Karen Skaggs. Also present was Donovan Peters.

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Council member Arends to accept the agenda as presented; Council member Miller seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Motion by Council member Bastin to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the November 14, 2022 Canvassing minutes, the November 14, 2022 Council minutes and to pay all the December claims; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Deputy Riley Kampsen was not present for the sheriff's report but did provide the report to Clerk Johnson. For the month of November there were 41.25 hours.

CITIZENS FORUM

There was nothing.

OLD BUSINESS

Stop Signs – Clerk Johnson presented a quote that she received from Kandiyohi County Public Works for the stop signs, posts and labor to install the 10 stop signs at the South end of the North and South streets that join with Atlantic Avenue. Motion by Council member Miller to go with the County; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Wages – Motion by Council member Arends to approve City Maintenance and City Clerk wage increase of \$2 per hour effective January 1, 2023 and to pay each of them a per meeting wage; Council member Miller seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Resolution Designating Polling Place – Mayor Crowley presented a Resolution Designating the Polling Place for the City of Pennock. Motion by Council member Skaggs to designate the Pennock Community Center as the polling place for the elections; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken with Council member Arends, Bastin, Miller and Skaggs in favor and Mayor Crowley in favor. The motion passed.

Resolution for Increase of Benefit Level for Firefighters PERA – Motion by Council member Miller to approve the increase in the benefit level at the \$1600.00 benefit level per year of service, effective January 1, 2023; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken with Council member Arends, Bastin, Miller and Skaggs in favor and Mayor Crowley in favor. The motion passed.

Christmas Lights – Motion by Council member Miller to purchase 2 Sparkling Christmas Balls and 2 Sparkling Poinsettias; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on Junk Vehicles, Meeting Decorum and City Clerk Position Appointment from City Attorney Brad Schmidt - Mayor Crowley mentioned that Clerk Johnson forwarded the letter that was received from City Attorney Brad Schmidt to all Council members on his findings.

- *Ordinance of City Clerk Position Appointment* – Motion by Council member Miller to amend the ordinance to have the clerk appointing changed to state the appointment of the City Clerk every 10 years rather than annually; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Vehicle Noise Law Enforced Signs – Clerk Johnson informed the Council that she had talked with the County and they will install signs on County Road 1. She also called MnDOT in regard to Hwy 12 but they have not returned her call.

Being no further business Council member Skaggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Official minutes will be approved at the next Council meeting.

Dawn Johnson
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer