**KASSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
**Wednesday, June 10, 2020**
**6:00 PM**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular City Council meeting was held at City Hall on the 10th day of June, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT**: Burton, Eggler, Ferris, McKern and Zelinske

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ABSENT**: None

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ALSO PRESENT**: City Administrator Tim Ibisch, City Clerk Linda Rappe and Finance Director Nancy Zaworski, City Attorney Melanie Leth, City Engineer Brandon Theobald, Sergeant Josh Hanson, Scott and Molly Stroh, David Dubbels, Richard Finger and Alex Nuehring

**PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE**
**APPROVE AGENDA**
ADD: L.2 Special Assessment Litigation Outcome
ADD: G.1 Pool Opening Discussion
ADD: H.1 Electric Department Concerns
ADD: K.2 Request for Leave of Absence for Josh Hanson

**Motion to Approve the Amended Agenda made by Councilperson Eggler, second by Councilperson Ferris with All Voting Aye.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**
Minutes from May 27, 2020

Claims processed after the May 27, 2020 regular meeting, as audited for payment in the amount of $750,808.38

Resolution Accepting Donation to the Park Board

***Resolution #6.1-20***
***Resolution Accepting Donation***
***(on file)***

Acknowledge Committee Minutes
Park Board Minutes – May 19, 2020
Fire Department Minutes – June 1, 2020

**Motion to Approve made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Eggler with All voting Aye.**

**VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL**
Richard Finger – Dispute Sidewalk on a property – 1100 10th St NW – Mr. Finger stated that he has owned the lot for 8 years and why now is he being required to put a sidewalk in his empty lot. Mayor Mckern stated that all parcels that don't have sidewalk received the letters. Mr. Finger went to the County and combined his lots into one parcel but the plat has not changed. After discussion Mr. Finger acknowledged the policy and will coordinate with staff for improvements.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor McKern congratulated Clerk Rappe for becoming President of MN Clerks and Finance Officers Association 2020-2021
Please thank the liquor store employee for their service during the essential employees.
There were picketers on Mantorville Ave last Friday evening and they exercising their first amendment rights on public property.
Shout out to local police department with all of the grief that police departments have been given, our police department has the Council's support.

**PUBLIC FORUM**
**PUBLIC HEARING**
**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**OLD BUSINESS**
Pool Opening Procedures – Administrator Ibisch stated that the procedures have been emailed to everyone. 55 people who were initially hired are still available for hire. There are some other pools in the area that are looking at opening. Mayor McKern stated that if we can open safely and how will we prioritize Kasson residents over out of town people. Administrator Ibisch stated the pool manager and Park and Rec Director have come up with a reservation style system. There will be an early afternoon session and late afternoon/early evening session. For larger group such as the childcare groups would have priority in the morning session. After 2 or 3 weeks we will look at how it is working and what needs to be changed. If we are going to operate it we want to be as full as we possibly can be. Councilperson Ferris would like to make sure that if the pool closes that people are notified if they have to make reservations. Councilperson Eggler questioned the cost of the pass versus what the Park Board passed earlier in the year. Administrator Ibisch stated that they thought $5 per person per session. Inside workers and food service will have to wear masks, food will be prepackaged items. The locker rooms will be closed. **Motion to Approve Opening the Aquatic Center on June 19 made by Councilperson Eggler, second by Councilperson Burton with All Voting Aye.**

**NEW BUSINESS**
**Electric department concerns –** the electric department has seen an upswing in landscaping around the pedestals and boxes, and residents need to know that that will not be replaced if it is ruined. Administrator Ibisch presented some language for input into the City Code.

The Electric Supervisor would like to reinforce the electrical grid in the newest Prairie Willows subdivision, that would entail running some overhead lines and the lines would run along 34 for a couple blocks. Overhead is 1/3 of the cost to do overhead vs boring. Councilperson Zelinske stated that with ice and MN weather and if this is permanent underground may be best. The Council would like to see the cost for overhead and underground to compare.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**
Administrator's Report- Congressman Hagedorn will be here tomorrow. The Governor will most likely be calling a special session. The Council confirmed that the transfer from electric fund of summer revenue that is generated above the typical amount will go toward the tax levy reduction for 2021.

**Natural Gas Franchise Fee** – The City has not collected this in some time and it may be something we want to consider. We could collect this revenue now and set it aside for special projects.

**Mayor and Council Salaries Ordinance Discussion**- This has been brought forward and currently each extra meeting is $35 and that is whether the meeting lasts an hour or all day. A per diem is a possibility

and capping the extra meeting cost is also a possibility. Clerk Rappe will poll surrounding communities as to what they do and come back with some suggestions at a future meeting.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**PERSONNEL**

**Accept Resignation of Lance Diderrich** – **Motion to Accept the Resignation made by Councilperson Burton, second by Councilperson Eggler with All Voting Aye.** The Council thanked Lance for his service

**Josh Hanson Leave of Absence Request** – Josh Hanson has asked for a leave of absence from his Sergeant position and this would allow him to return to his current job if the Police Chief position does not work out. Administrator Ibisch would suggest that there be a date put on such as the end of the probationary period and not leave this indefinite. **Motion to Approve With A Time Limit of the End of the 6 Month Probationary Period made by Councilperson Eggler, second by Councilperson Zelinske with All Voting Aye.**

**ATTORNEY**

**Heaser Update** – This is the draft from the realtor's attorney adding back in the indemnification language. Attorney Leth is uncomfortable with this and it is not her recommendation. But if the Council would like to negotiate with the Heaser's to avoid litigation then this would be her recommendation. Councilperson Burton stated that the Planning Commission denied the variance request. Councilperson Burton stated that this is a permanent encroachment. Councilperson Ferris had suggested changes to page 2 paragraph 1. **Motion to Approve the Agreement with the Changes made by Mayor McKern, second by Councilperson Eggler**. Ayes: Eggler, Zelinske, Ferris and McKern. Nays: Burton

**2017 Thompson Street Assessment Decision** – Attorney Leth presented the Court of Appeals judgement in the City's favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed

**ADJOURN 7:00PM**

**Motion to Adjourn made by Councilperson Eggler, second by Councilperson Burton with all voting Aye to Adjourn.**

**ATTEST**:

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Linda Rappe, City Clerk Chris McKern, Mayor