

## COUNCIL MINUTES

August 10, 2021

Present were Vice President David Phillips and council members Erik Wagner, Brian Finley and William Lopez, Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Police Chief Todd Allen, Fire Chief Jay Craig, Park Director Brian Bugajski, and Public Works Superintendent James Spanier. President Greg Stinson and Building Commissioner Michael Barry were absent.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Finley made a motion to adopt the July 27, 2021 minutes as written and Wagner made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Lopez made a motion to approve the claims and sewer adjustments as presented and Finley made the second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

### COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

### CLERK TREASURER REPORT

Pomeroy asked the council to approve a request for a resident at 1630 Coleman Avenue. He is requesting to go to metered sewer rate instead of flat rate. He has installed a meter, which Michael Barry has inspected, and he has approved it. He was told in order to have this approved he must agree to sending a picture of his meter readings by the 4<sup>th</sup> day of each month to the sewer department. If he misses two consecutive readings he will automatically go back to flat rate. He has agreed to the above. Lopez made a motion to approve the above request and Wagner made a second, vote 4-0, motion passed.

### ATTORNEY REPORT

None

### POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Todd Allen responded to a complaint at Porter Beach parking lot. He said the department has written 61 tickets for illegal parking and is there as often as possible.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Chief Jay Craig reported that Stephen Davis is retiring with 33 years of service with the volunteers. He is moving to South Carolina August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Volunteers are having a party August 16<sup>th</sup> at Hawthorne Park from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, everyone is invited.

### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Superintendent James Spanier reported that they have installed bollards to replace the gate at Porter Beach and will it looks a lot better than the concrete barriers and they will try to get them painted this week. He reported that he only has 3 of the 7 full time employees and they are running behind on things plus their chipper is broke, it is in Aurora getting fixed and the only

holdup now is the chip for the safety device, he is asking everyone to please be patient with them and they will get things done as soon as they can.

The next meeting he will have some quotes for outfitting the new truck to get ready for winter which includes a plow and salter. He asked council approval to a new drug test policy for CDL drivers, he would like to send the policy to our attorney and HR for review and any changes or suggestions. The council agreed by consensus to go forward with a new drug test policy.

#### PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Park Director Brian Bugajski reported that he had been contacted by a small group of disc golfers that would like to play glow-disc golf once a month at the Hawthorne Park. The course technically closes at dusk, but the park stays open until 11:00pm. Bugajski wanted to get a consensus from the Council if it would be agreeable to allow the group to use the course after dusk, as long as they were finished by 11:00pm and informed the department of the date they would be using the course. The Council all agreed by consensus.

Bugajski requested approval to pay Claim #1 from LaPorte Construction in the amount of \$84,955.40, with an additional \$10,000.00 coming from the Stormwater Board for the total bill of \$94,955.40. This claim is the first for the Lake Pratt Walkway project, and would be paid with a combination of park department operating budget, park department donation budget, Lake Michigan Coastal Grant, and 2018 G.O. Bond – all previously approved funds for use by the Council. Lopez motioned to approve the claim and Finley made the second, motion passed 4-0. Bugajski announced that the Porter's Perfect Pint Festival and Silent Auction would be taking place on October 2, 2021. Bugajski requested the Council's approval to create certificates for one free Community Building Rental, one Free Shelter Rental, and one Free Millennium Gazebo rental to be included in the silent auction. Lopez made a motion to approve the request and Wagner made the second, motion passed 4-0.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Phillips presented two contractors for approval, Finley made a motion to approve the two contractors and Wagner made the second, motion passed 4-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2021-14 Amending Salary Ordinance


Phillips did first reading of Ordinance 2021-14 by title only and asked Pomeroy to place on next agenda,

#### ARETE CONTRACT

Lopez made a motion to approve the Arete contract and Finley made the second, vote 4-0 motion Finley made a motion to adjourn and Wagner made the second, motion passed 4-0.


Dated this 24<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2021

  
Vice-President David Phillips

  
William Lopez

  
Brian Finley

ATTEST

  
Carol Pomeroy, Clerk Treasurer