

City of Lengby City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2024 – 5:15 p.m.
Lengby Community Hall

Members Present: Brian Ohren, Jen Godtland, and Michael McColl. Members Absent: Ben Walker, Shirley Vasilakes Also present Rosanne Erickson, City Clerk-Treasurer.

Call to Order / Determine Quorum for regular City Council Meeting – Brian Ohren, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Approve Agenda.

1st by Godtland 2nd by Walker to approve agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment Time:

None.

Review and Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting on September 9, 2024

1st by Walker; 2nd by Vasilakes to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting on September 9, 2024.
Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Rosanne Erickson reviewed the financial report for October 2024.

1st by Walker 2nd by Godtland to approve the Financial Report for October 2024. Motion carried.

Building Permits:

None

Ordinances:

Discussion on number of campers located on the Johnson Property on the Southeast of the City of Lengby city limits.

Grant Funding Update(s):

No new updates at this time.

DNR Pier is still on track.

Discussion on removing the old fishing pier and the removal of the pylons. Jen will talk with Jake Radke, who has helped with taking out piers/pylons. Jen will also see if she can get a crew together yet this fall.

Continued discussion on bathroom facilities at Spring Lake Park. Ideas - Place vault tank, hire someone to build a bathroom on top.

Mike sent an idea of murals, doesn't require being outside of murals. Paint on fabrics parachutes is made out of, adhere it to the wall with acrylic gel medium. NW MN Arts Council Grant Discussion. The size and design of mural will be dependent on how we repair the roof of community. Consensus is to move forward with a grant submission for the mural to the NW MN Arts Council.

Road Plan Discussion:

Patching was done by the Polk County Highway Department crew.

Ben is looking for grants to apply for, and we will apply if one comes available.

Other City Business:

Discussion on Sunday Liquor Licenses. Rosanne will work on this and will contact the League of Minnesota Cities.

Community Hall Roof: Discussion on what type of repair to be done, full rafted roof installation, or repair of the roof and flashing.

1st by Godtland; 2nd by Walker to accept the bid of Alexander Erickson Construction and repair the roof and flashing for \$2,500.00. Motion carried.

Outlets on street light poles – Lighted Christmas Decorations: Jen Godtland will bring some ideas to the November meeting. Jen will also call Larry Sollie (Board of Director for Wild Rice Electric) and see we can get approval to have outlets on the street light poles.

Pie Shack: Discussion. Need update on what is happening with the landscaping/construction of new building.

Snow Plowing – No bids were received. Rosanne will contact Hayes Landscaping to see if they are interested in bidding for snow plowing.

1st by Godtland; 2nd by Walker to direct Rosanne Erickson, Clerk, to contract with a company for snow plowing services for the City of Lengby, with negotiating rights up to \$100.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Request for Vacating of Street/Alley by Melissa Ziegler re the Jeff Abeldgaard property: Jen will contact Melissa Ziegler as to why they want the street/alley vacated.

Essentia Health Arbitration Update. Brian reported that Tracy Ware had contacted him with an update on the Essentia Arbitration. The arbitration was in litigation, and it was ruled in favor of Essentia Health. The City of Fosston is continuing to pursue legal action to take back control of the Fosston Hospital, this legal action could take up to a year. There should be a press release being released within a week or two.

Brian went down to Peterson land. Check back with Dave Buehler.

Community Hall Pest Control: Brittne Radke talked to Chris Foldoe (North County Pest Control). Chris suggested that the best way to keep critters out would be to have the whole area between the Community Hall building and Jeff and Angie Halland's budling cleaned out. Rosanne will check with the Sentence to Serve Crew Leader to see if this is something the crew could do for us.

Burning of swamps within the City of Lengby. It has been a few years since the swamps in the City of Lengby were burned. Do we want to burn swamps in the fall or the spring? The consensus is to burn the swamps in Spring 2025. The Fosston Fire Department will assist in the burn.

City of Lengby Cemetery. Until we have all the information on cemetery lots, Ben would like to have a halt on selling any cemetery lots.

1st by Godtland; 2nd by Vasilakes to at this time cease selling any cemetery plots in the City of Lengby Cemetery. Motion carried.

Next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 due to the Veteran's Day Holiday on Monday, November 11, 2024.

1st by Godtland; 2nd by Walker to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Erickson
City Clerk-Treasurer