

Mission of the City of Courtland

We envision Courtland as a city with managed growth which offers a high quality of life for individuals, families and businesses at an affordable cost.

City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2022

Members Present in Person: Mayor Al Poehler
Council Member Ralph Bents
Council Member Pam Rodewald
Council Member Justin Kraus

Members Absent: Council Member Kandyce Peton

Others Present: Julie Holm Dave Ubel Ed Mages Greg Juberian Mark Fiemeyer Karen Fluegge

The regular city council meeting was called to order by Mayor Poehler at 7:00 pm on March 3, 2022 in the Council chambers in City Hall.

Rodewald made a motion to approve the agenda. Bents seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor.

Rodewald made a motion to approve February 3, 2022 regular Council minutes. Bents seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Rodewald made a motion to approve monthly bills. Kraus seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Check#	Vendor	Date	\$AMT	Description
EFT	MICROSOFT	10-Feb-22	\$8.86	office 365 subscription
EFT	IRS	11-Feb-22	\$665.76	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	11-Feb-22	\$112.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	11-Feb-22	\$412.10	PERA contributions
EFT	IRS	17-Feb-22	\$679.60	federal payroll taxes
EFT	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	17-Feb-22	\$114.00	mn payroll taxes
EFT	PERA	17-Feb-22	\$419.96	PERA contributions
21703	Holm, Julie	07-Feb-22	\$1,051.57	Payroll 1/23 - 2/5/2022
21704	Ubel, David	07-Feb-22	\$1,321.12	Payroll 1/23 - 2/5/2022
21705	MN RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	10-Feb-22	\$250.00	dave conference registration
21706	BROWN CO TREASURER	17-Feb-22	\$19.25	plow truck license renewal
21707	CITY OF COURTLAND	17-Feb-22	\$295.65	fire hall,community center,main shed,city office utilities
21708	CITY OF NEW ULM	17-Feb-22	\$7,003.99	flow to new ulm
21709	COMCAST, INC	17-Feb-22	\$91.37	city office internet svc
21710	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	17-Feb-22	\$163,320.20	watermain move during hwy project
21711	HAWKINS,INC	17-Feb-22	\$1,716.12	water plant chemicals
21712	LAFAYETTE NICOLLET LEDGER	17-Feb-22	\$10.50	ph notice publicaiton
21713	Nuvera	17-Feb-22	\$504.61	office,fax,fire hall,lifts,wells,wtr twr,wtr plnt intnet,wbste host
21714	POSTMASTER	17-Feb-22	\$56.00	po box rental fee
21715	UNITED NATURAL GAS	17-Feb-22	\$2,946.14	main shed, firehall,wtr plant,cityoffice natural gas
21716	XCEL ENERGY	17-Feb-22	\$4,132.42	office,firehall,wtrtwr,park,lifts,wtrplt,mainshed,st lights
21717	Holm, Julie	23-Feb-22	\$869.48	Payroll 2/6 - 2/19/2022
21718	Ubel, David	23-Feb-22	\$1,321.12	Payroll 2/6 - 2/19/2022
21719	MN LIFE INS COMPANY	24-Feb-22	\$15.00	dave life ins prem
21720	PETTY CASH	24-Feb-22	\$21.64	postage mail letters
21721	RIVERBEND BUSINESS PRODUCTS	24-Feb-22	\$109.00	envelopes
21722	COURTLAND MART	24-Feb-22	\$73.44	garbage bags
			\$187,540.90	

Planning Commission is seeking a member to fill vacant seat left by Greg Peton whose term had ended. Greg Juberian and Ed Mages are present to express their interest in the seat. Ed Mages is a general contractor and realtor in the area having moved to the city four years ago, previously living in Lafayette. Greg Juberian has been a resident of the city for the past four years and is a store manager in Mankato currently with work history in all aspects of running businesses from small to corporate.

Kraus made a motion to appoint Ed Mages to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Bents seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Dave had a preconstruction meeting with MNDot for the upcoming project. There will be a general meeting open to the public March 22, 2022 at 6:00pm at he Community Center. Weekly construction meetings will happen on Tuesdays either at the truck station or the community center.

Dennis Ellingson has contacted Dave for updates on ravine washout previously discussed and city response. Last month Dave has received estimated repair costs of \$90,000. Mayor Poehler has concerns of city responsibility for the repairs. Council discuss options to move forward including taking photos to document the area. Councilmember Bents comments that all around the area has had changes and not isolated to this part of the city.

Dave has also received confirmation from Nicollet County to proceed with sidewalk from city park to the ball park along County Road 22. One thing to note is during the winter it will need to be kept cleaned of snow. Councilmember Rodewald comments on the width the sidewalk will need to be in regard to grant being applied for.

Dave brings up concerns of mining around the highway project area, the contractor has dug test holes to see about using gravel from the project area. The city has a mining permit that needs to be applied for and will need to be pursued.

Council Reports: Councilmember Rodewald met with a group at the Main Street(Lions)park to discuss the options for equipment, the previous wish list was too much and had to be pared down to meet the constraints of the area. The grant has been submitted for \$100,000 to DNR parks grant program and will be June until hear back.

City Clerk reports on virtual meetings, these will need to return to pre pandemic options. Members choosing to join virtually will need to follow statutes.

Clerk Holm reports status of Clean Up Day. This will take place on April 30th with residents having to bring items to truck parked at the Community Center 8am-Noon. The change is due to staff shortage and the drivers need to follow CDL guidance for amount of driving time. Council discuss the change and it not how is stated in contract.

Clerk reports audit should be complete and ready to present at next meeting April 7, 2022.

Clerk to attend conference March 23-25th, the office will be closed for that period.

Clerk received call from company asking if feasible to request approval to set up temporary asphalt plant in gravel pit near Hancock Concrete. Council discussion lead to not supporting and will also be pushback from the residents. This type of project leads to a large number of trucks that will be hauling and lead to degradation of Collin Drive.

Rodewald made a motion to approve waiving liability tort limit. Bents seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Courtland Recreation Association liquor license application for 2022-2023 has been received for renewal.

Rodewald made a motion to approve the Courtland Recreation Association liquor license for 2022-2023. Kraus seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Interim Ordinance 22-101 AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON OUTDOOR ADVERTISING (BILLBOARDS) WITHIN THE CITY OF COURTLAND is presented for approval.

Bents made a motion to approve Interim Ordinance 22-101 AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON OUTDOOR ADVERTISING (BILLBOARDS) WITHIN THE CITY OF COURTLAND waiving the readings. Rodewald seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Resolution 22-102 RESOLUTION TO RE-ESTABLISH PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR THE ELECTION BOUNDARIES OF THE VOTING PRECINCTS is presented for approval. The redistricting happening after completed census requires the city to approve this resolution.

Rodewald made a motion to approve Resolution 22-102 RESOLUTION TO RE-ESTABLISH PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR THE ELECTION BOUNDARIES OF THE VOTING PRECINCTS. Bents seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Al Poehler presents a request to combine two of his parcels for tax purposes at Nicollet County. The parcels 519 Valley View Drive parcel id 14.797.0150 and 517 Valley View Drive parcel id 14.472.0010.

Kraus made a motion to combine parcels 14.797.0150; 519 Valley View Drive and 14.472.0010; 517 Valley View Drive. Rodewald seconded the motion. Motion carried with Bents, Rodwald and Kraus in favor. Poehler abstains.

Rodewald made a motion to adjourn. Bents seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:55p.m.

A signed written copy of the minutes is on file in the office of the city clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: _____
Al Poehler, Mayor

Attest: _____
Julie Holm, City Clerk