

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council
Tuesday, July 12th, 2022**

The regular city council meeting of the City of Echo Minnesota was called to order by Mayor Ray Sweetman at 6:00 pm at the Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ray Sweetman

Present: Mayor Ray Sweetman, Councilman Mark Schettler, Councilman Jessie Dehn, Councilman Jody Chmelar, Councilman Reid Hanson, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Fire Chief Matt Dunphy, EMS Chief Chastity Kuehn, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen,

Citizens/Guests: Lynn Kuehn, George French

Lynn Kuehn thanked the council for there efforts in repairing the road in front of her son's house.

Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:

Motion to approve, June 27, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Hanson to approve Resolution 2022-101 to accept Resignation and Acceptance of said resignation and declare that a vacancy exists on the city council for the City of Echo. Motion carried with Councilman Dehn abstaining. Resolution 2022-123 declaring a Special Election to fill a vacancy on the City Council for the City of Echo, was made by Councilman Schettler seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motions passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve consent agenda including Bills for Payment, Payroll, and Bank Information made by Councilman Dehn, seconded by Councilman Chmelar. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Fire Department - Chief Matt Dunphy: Zac Chapman of Blue Fire will be at the next meeting to explain training options for firefighters. Said that the department is less likely to get grants if the department doesn't have enough members with firefighter 1 and 2 training. Chief Dunphy informed the council that the department voted to approve Darren Dunphy to start training and become a member of the department. Motion by Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Schettler to approve the departments recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. Informed the council that the grass rig was in Wood Lake to repair the fuel switch. The fire department pork chop feed is scheduled for July 28th, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

First Responders - Chas Kuehn: Received information regarding an EMS conference in Mankato September 16—18. Asked council if the city would cover the cost of the conference of \$245 per person. Motion to approve to cover cost of the conference as well as hotel cost to any members of the First Responders who attend was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Chmelar. Motion carried unanimously. Chas will get a number of how many plans to attend.

Maintenance Supervisor – Bryan Nielsen: Has been working on spraying weeds and removing the shrub line near the ballfield. Mowing has slowed down with the dry weather. Will focus on painting curbs and sweeping roads in near future. The electrical wiring and water piping for the park will be repaired in time for Echo Days celebration. Plans to spray for mosquitos several times before the event as well. Requests to do an exploratory dig and install a shut off valve in the well house. Motion made by Councilman Dehn and seconded by Councilman Hanson to approve doing an exploratory dig and install a valve. Motion carried unanimously. Received a quote of \$5000 to install water line to Chmelar property. Original authorization was approved at the September 10, 2019, City Council Meeting. Motion by councilman Dehn and seconded by Councilman Hanson to suspend the project pending the construction of a building on the property to enable metering of the water usage. Motion carried unanimously. Will be on Vacation August 10-15. Council requests that supervisor has a person the city can call in case of emergency. Discussion by council concerning a property that has excessive grass and tree growth. Clerk will talk with city attorney to get proper procedures for handling the situation.

Mayor Sweetman –

Councilman Chmelar –

Councilman Dehn – Would like to thank the council for the opportunity to serve the community.

Councilman Schettler –

Councilman Hanson – inquired about a company coming into the community to do patch work on some of the roads.

Clerk - Brian Pitzl: Election judge training will be held in Wood Lake on Monday, July 18th from 2-4:30 pm and will be attended by 7 of the 8 judges approved by the city. The eighth will attend training in August. Due to the State Primary Election being held on August 9th, the city will reschedule the August City Council Meeting to Monday, August 8th at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. A special election will be held to fill the vacancy on the city council due to a resignation. Clerk will contact County Auditor for guidance on proper procedures on what needs to be done prior. Clerk has been working on 2023 budget with help from Sue Paradis. Will bring preliminary numbers to August meeting for council to review. Motion by Councilman

Hanson and seconded by Councilman Schettler to approve a liquor license for the American Legion intended for Echo Days. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Aged balance report for past due water bills was discussed. Clerk was instructed to send out letters of disconnection to customers with water bills over 90 days past due.

New Business:

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Dehn and second by Councilman Hanson to adjourn meeting, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7.05 pm.

Mayor Raymond Sweetman

City Clerk- Brian Pitzl