

MINUTES of the Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Rutledge in the County of Pine and the State of Minnesota including all accounts audited by said Council.

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June 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 509 by Mayor Kiminski. All present except Lisa Kuhlman, also present Harvey Hischer.

Motion to approve minutes as read by Chris Volk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Kiminski.

Treasurers report: \$150,643.72 in all funds with the general fund having \$131,074.44

Motion to approve treasurers report as read by Chris Volk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Kiminski.

Motion to pay bills by Chris Volk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Kiminski.

Harvey Hischer- has been mowing for the village for a very long time, have a few issues the last few years with the mayor. Been approached that mows too much and the city doesn't have the funds. Not my problem, I was hired to mow. I don't know if I am to mow or not to mow. I was told 6 times in 1 conversation that we can find someone else. I want some respect. Let me clean up so I can mow.

Jeff Kiminski- wants respect also. Volunteer my time to go and clean up.

Heated discussion ensued between Harvey Hischer and Jeff Kiminski with some council injections.

Chris- interject- CIP- every spring they do clean up- this year they are not able to mow.

Bidding was brought up the beginning of the year, all agreed to renew Harvey's contract without review.

Both agree that a new contract is needed. Chris- a plan needs to be made of exact perimeters, and a contract that is more specific. Weed killer, at ball field, and comm ctr and other parameters. Harvey should have every right for the bid process. Don't know that many bids will come in. Budget is grim this year. Harvey- every time we are up there and mow we do extra, I have never charged for that extra. We are the only local lawn service that will weed whip foot stones. Have opened up boundaries, sure slow at it but it is getting done. I have never charged the village for that extra. Would like to see clearer guidelines.

Amy- Jeff trying to save city money, didn't mean any ill will.

Chris discussed putting CIP on the list for every spring.

Discussion of boundaries of the ball field. Does it include the patch between the fence and road? Many gray areas, contract is too broad. Discussed weeds on the side of the road. Jean- shouldn't it be the city problem. Chris- it is technically county right of way and their issue. Discussed maintenance of road right of ways.

Discussion of new wording for the contract, and clearer guidelines and perimeters.

Discussion of beer cans in the ditches and ball field as well as flowers being stolen.

Discussion on property on Bald Eagle. City cannot sell it. Interest from Joseph Latterell to purchase the property to prevent people going on it. Concern also about people going and cutting trees off the property.

Starlight drive is done with the buildup of gravel.

Amy- someone asked if they could have a fun game softball game on softball field. City discussion due to covid. Its city property, and anyone can use it. There is liability on the field already. Request that they clean up themselves.

Someone picked up the fallen headstone.

Need a stop sign on the ally way by main street.

Motion to buy a stop sign 30x30 off of amazon and a post for it from the lumber yard. By Jean Kiminski 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Volk.

Motion to pay for the mowing portion of his invoice and request a new revised bill for the spring clean up from Harvey Lawn care. By Jean Kiminski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Volk.

Chris going to be issuing a ticket for non compliance of dog license. MN does have a leash law, and you should have a leash when leaving your yard. Have not had any complaints of Best dog in the last month.

2 yards in town have not been mowed as of yet.

Motion to adjourn by Jean Kiminski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Volk.