

Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Grey Eagle City Council was called to order remotely by Mayor Joseph Arnzen at 7:00 p.m., on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 in council chambers. Council members in attendance in council chambers were Roland Ahrendt, Bill Pohlmann and Brian Hollenkamp. Council member elect Jim Tschida declined the council seat. Also in attendance in council chambers were John Call and Lori Hellmann and guests joining remotely were Bryan Bye, Jeff Hines, Bill Berscheit and Marv Hinnenkamp.

A motion was made by Bill Pohlmann to approve the amended agenda. A second was made by Brian Hollenkamp and a roll call vote was taken. Joe Arnzen – aye, Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Pohlmann to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Truth in Taxation Meeting as written. A second was made by Roland Ahrendt and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Hollenkamp to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting as written. A second was made by Roland Ahrendt and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Pohlmann to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 special meeting as written. A second was made by Roland Ahrendt and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

Jeff Hines was in attendance to discuss his plan to develop property in the City for 15 individual storage units. The council explained that with the moratorium currently in place, no building permits can be obtained until the council has time to determine the needs of the city as a whole and what is in the best interest of the residents who live within the City.

John reported on the following items:

1. The sewer main on Ward Street needed to be cleaned due to rags clogging that section of the main. Residents are reminded that flushable wipes should never be flushed into the sanitary sewer. They can clog the mains and get stuck in the pumps at the lift station creating costly repairs.
2. The security light on the Fire Hall, the maintenance building and the library need to be replaced.
3. The John Deere snow blower has been repaired.

Bryan Bye was in attendance remotely to update the council on the sewer project and to seek approval for pay request #3 to C & L Excavating, Inc., for \$145,056.45.

A motion was made by Brian Hollenkamp to approve pay request #3 to C & L Excavating, Inc for \$145,056.45. A second was made by Roland Ahrendt and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Pohlmann to approve replacing a light fixture at the Library. A second was made by Brian Hollenkamp and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roland Ahrendt to approve **Resolution No. 2021-01, A Resolution Adopting 2021 Appointments**. A second was made by Brian Hollenkamp and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried. The resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01**  
**A Resolution Adopting 2021 Appointments**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council members can only act collectively as one unit, Streets, Parks, Utilities, Hall, Health & Welfare, Building Permits, Library and Community Builders will be the responsibility of the entire Council. The other official designations are as follows:

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| Building Permit Administrator:     | City Clerk  |
| Acting Mayor:                      | Bill Pohlmann   |
| Revolving Loan Fund Committee:     | Mayor Joe Arnzen, Council Member  |
| Official Depositories:             | Central Minnesota Credit Union – Grey Eagle Office and<br>First State Bank of Swanville |
| Official Newspaper:                | Long Prairie Leader   |
| Official Auditor:                  | Brian Koehn, CPA  |
| Official City Attorney – Civil:    | Brown Krueger & Vancura – Joe Krueger   |
| Official City Attorney – Criminal: | Todd County Attorney  |

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

A motion was made by Brian Hollenkamp to add Acting Mayor Bill Pohlmann as signatory to the checking account at Central Minnesota Credit Union. A second was made by Roland Ahrendt and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Hollenkamp authorizing the City Clerk to cancel the fax line. A second was made by Bill Pohlmann and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Hollenkamp to approve the purchase of a safe for legal documents for up to \$300. A second was made by Roland Ahrendt and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

There were no building permits for council consideration.

A motion was made by Bill Pohlmann to approve **Resolution No. 2021-02, A Resolution Declaring a Vacancy on City Council**. A second was made by Brian Hollenkamp and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2021-02**  
**Resolution Declaring Vacancy on City Council**

**WHEREAS**, Jim Tschida was duly elected to a four year term as a City Council member for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, Jim Tschida has declined the seat, and

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy now exists on the Council and State Law requires the position to be occupied, and

**WHEREAS**, appointment to the position of Council member shall be made until the regular elections to be held in November 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE** by the Council of the City of Grey Eagle, Minnesota declares that a vacancy exists for Council Member of the City of Grey Eagle.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

A motion was made by Brian Hollenkamp to authorize the City Clerk to purchase a new adding machine. A second was made by Bill Pohlmann and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

The council discussed water and sewer rates. The sewer rate needs to be at approximately \$45 flat fee per month to cover the costs of the sewer project debt service. Currently the rate is \$40.50 flat rate per month. A motion was made by Brian Hollenkamp to increase the sewer flat rate to \$42.50 per month effective March 1, 2021, with no water rate increase. A second was made by Bill Pohlmann and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Arnzen to submit a government request form to the Grey Eagle Burtrum Lions Club for \$8,000 for annual park maintenance for 2020. A second was made by Bill Pohlmann and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Pohlmann to authorize the City Clerk to close the checking account at the First State Bank of Swanville effective January 22, 2021. A second was made by Roland Ahrendt and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

The council directed John to remove the barricades in the alley behind Grey Eagle Gas & Grocery and by the post office until spring.

Minnesota Power will be contacted regarding street lights that are out or working intermittently.

A motion was made by Brian Hollenkamp to approve payment of claims #2025-#2048 totaling \$400,778.85 and for payment of utility bills of \$153.31 for Fire Hall, Old City Hall and Library. A second was made by Roland Ahrendt and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Pohlmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. A second was made by Brian Hollenkamp and a roll call vote was taken. Roland Ahrendt – aye, Bill Pohlmann – aye, Brian Hollenkamp – aye, Joe Arnzen – aye. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Grey Eagle City Council will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 in council chambers.

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Joseph Arnzen, Mayor

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Lori Hellmann, Clerk