

Cooperstown City Council Special Meeting
June 23, 2020 – City Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to reorganize the council after election. Members present included Paul Paintner, Tim Erickson, Lee Watne, Larry Olson, Nic Zimprich and Deb Eslinger. Also present: Nancy Lunde, Blaine Larson, Chad Johnson, Andrew Aakre, Moore Engineering and newly elected City Council members Allen Gruman and Steve Perry and newly elected Park Board members Travis Gray, Heather Schudar, Atonya Stokka and Lance MacKenzie.

Oath of Office: The oath of office was given to returning Council Member Tim Erickson and new Council Members, Steve Perry, Allen Gruman and new Park Board members: Travis Gray, Heather Schudar, Atonya Stokka and Lance MacKenzie.

Streets: Andrew Aakre with Moore Engineering presented the council with information regarding the city streets. The council had asked Moore Engineering to do an assessment on the condition of all the streets in Cooperstown. Andrew presented a map and information on a Proposed Street Improvement Plan. The map shows all individual streets and what repair each street will require at this time. The council will review this further at the next regular meeting.

Evaluations: The current City Council held a discussion of the salaries of the city employees. The Personnel Committee of Zimprich and Eslinger reported on employee evaluations they had reviewed. They gave their recommendations of a 3% salary increase to 2 full time employees, Olson & Johnson, the city janitor, landfill attendant and city assessor, a 5% salary increase to Lunde and 15% salary increase to Larson. After discussion Perry moved, Watne seconded, to approve the increases as stated: 3% salary increase to 2 full time employees, Olson & Johnson, the city janitor, landfill attendant and city assessor, a 5% salary increase to Lunde and 15% salary increase to Larson. Motion carried unanimously.

Elect President & Vice President: Olson moved, Erickson seconded, to nominate Steve Perry as President. Motion carried unanimously. Olson moved, Perry seconded, to nominate Tim Erickson as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Appointments/Resolution: Mayor Paintner appointed Nancy Lunde as the City Auditor, Travis Peterson as the City Attorney, Moore Engineering as the City Engineer and Farrah Saxberg as the City Assessor. Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to ratify the appointment of Nancy Lunde as City Auditor, Travis Peterson as the City Attorney, Moore Engineering as City Engineer and Farrah Saxberg as City Assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

Permits: Eslinger moved, Perry seconded, to approve the Caleb Nolan Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Erickson moved, Olson seconded, to approve the Danny Bakken Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular City Council meeting will be July 6, 2020. Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor