

Castlewood City Council Regular Meeting
July 6, 2021

The Castlewood City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Brian Ries, Jeanette Bohls, Jeff Shepherd, Heather Schmit, Chad Ries, Jenny Olson and Michelle Barker. Also present: Shawn Mullaney, LeeAnne Dufek and Dylan Clark. Attending via Zoom meeting: Sheila Gerhold and Jenna Aderhold.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor. The agenda was presented for approval. Mayor Ries asked to add First Premier CDs, Moving permit for Chelly Lewandowski and Billy Davis prior building permit issue to the agenda. A motion by Barker and seconded by Schmit to approve the agenda with all members present voting aye and motion passed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ries.

Public Comment: Shawn Mullaney asked what the topic was that was discussed during executive session at the June 30th meeting. Mayor Ries stated the session was to discuss personnel.

Minutes from the special meetings held June 9th and June 30th will be sent to all council members.

At this time there are no bills to ready to present for approval. Mayor Ries asked the council to approve the payment of payroll and utility bills. Motion by C. Ries and a second by Olson to approve payment of those bills. Nay vote by Shepherd. Motion passed.

In the mayors' report, he stated we received the mosquito grant money of \$1,666 and it will be used towards the purchase of a new sprayer.

The building permit for June was for Tony Larson to build a fence.

Discussion was held on the no votes on whether to accept the resignations of Sheila Gerhold and Bob Bruinsma at the June 7th meeting. Mayor Ries talked with our city attorney and he stated that the council accepting the resignations is just a formality since both Sheila and Bob stated they no longer wished to work for the city. The council was asked to redo the motion to approve these resignations. Motion by Bohls with a second from C. Ries to accept the resignations. All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion was held on the proposed location for the playground equipment at the ballfields. Several councilman have been approached by people expressing their concerns, including it being to close to the road, concerns of foul balls and that it will take up valuable parking space. They would like the council to consider a new location, possibly in the area between the two outfields or a spot closer to the campground. Many people also appreciated that the city opened up the parking area. If we receive a lot of rain and the area gets soft, the area will be closed again. Another concern that was brought up was if the Grow Castlewood Committee reassembles the equipment without help from the manufacturer and something would break, who would be responsible. Motion by Olson and second by Barker to have the area behind the ballfields to be surveyed for utilities to see if that might be an acceptable place to relocate the playground equipment.

The scoreboard at the baseball field is on its last leg. Currently a new remote was found that is working but the council has been asked to consider purchasing a new scoreboard. A motion to get quotes for a new scoreboard was made by C. Ries and second by Olson. All in favor, motion passed.

A second reading of the Cannabis Ordinance was read. A motion to accept the ordinance was made by Bohls, second from Schmit. All in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Ries presented the Code Enforcement reports for property found to be in violation. Council members were asked to review the reports and then make a decision on how to proceed. Motion by go ahead with sending letters to property owners was made by Barker; second by Schmit. All in favor and motion based.

Discussion was held on the International Property Maintenance Code Ordinances. Mayor Ries has obtained a copy of the ordinances from these codes that the City of Estelline has put in place. C. Ries asked if we could table until the August meeting to give council members time to review.

Discussion was held on whether we want to add water spickets at the campground. C. Ries will work on getting quotes for installing 2-6 spickets.

C. Ries and Shepherd have surveyed at the end of Prairie street. What they found was that the gravel has washed out under the road and the pavement has broken away. Solutions could simply be adding more gravel or adding some type of drainage option (culvert). Question was asked if this is city or the landowner's responsibility. Mayor Ries will check into this. The city would repair the street after appropriate steps are taken to help with water drainage.

No action has been taken to hire anyone new to help with mowing since we haven't received much rain recently. So far Marc and Dan Haug have been able to keep up.

Mayor Ries stated that he has been working with the City Attorney on the case where people from out of town dumped garbage at the rubble site. Before the attorney can proceed, the Sheriff's department needs to finish their investigation. If there is enough evidence of who was responsible, then a letter will be sent by our attorney. The city also needs to determine what the restitution should be. Mayor Ries has sent a copy of the bill from the roll off service and will put together an estimate on time and tractor usage by the city.

Dylan Clark addressed the council and asked that he be given permission to leave the new trees he just planted on city property. Dylan planted them where the old sidewalk used to be. Dylan did state he contacted the city office and was given permission to remove the sidewalk. After some discussion, a motion to allow Dylan to leave the trees in place was made by C. Ries with a second from Shepherd. All in favor, motion passed.

Ships Inn is asking for the city's permission to close a portion of either Main Street or 1st Ave to the west of their building on Friday, August 13 for Dueling Pianos. Motion to allow them to close a portion of 1st Ave was made by C. Ries and second from Schmit. All in favor, motion passed.

New signs for the city dump were discussed since there is very little for signs currently. The sign(s) would indicate that the site is for Castlewood City residents only, list what is not permitted to be dumped and possibly hours of operation. Schmit will work with A&D Graphic on quotes.

Mayor Ries received a request for a partial refund on a golf membership because of a broken arm and not being able to play. Motion by C. Ries to deny the request with a second from Barker. All in favor, motion passed.

Golf membership for Bob and Roylynn Bruinsma will be discussed at the August meeting.

No general journal entries or Golf Course cash register receipts were available to review at this time.

A motion by Barker and seconded by Bohls to go into Executive Session – SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 8:07 p.m.

Council returned out of Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

The Golf Course would like approval to hire Kristin Riley at \$12/hr. A motion was made by Olson to hire Kristin for the golf course, Marc Lewno as City Maintenance at \$21.00/hr and Travis Prohl as Dump Attendant at \$15.00/hr. Second by Schmit. Shepherd abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. All remaining council voted in favor, motion passed.

Chelly Lewandowski would like a moving permit to move a 12x16 new shed on a concrete slab behind her building on Main Street. Since this item was added to the agenda, no action will be taken until the August meeting.

Mayor Ries stated that the CDs at First Premier bank will be coming up for renewal soon. He will get additional information and present at the August meeting.

Mayor Ries informed the council of a possible conflict with a building permit that was granted to Billy Davis previously for a new home on his lot. Because he has not removed the previous structure on his lot, he is technically in violation of our zoning ordinances. Before Billy moves forward, he asked if the council would approve the re-platting of the lot to be in compliance with the zoning ordinance. The general consensus was that it would be approved once formally presented.

A motion by Schmit and seconded by Baker to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.