
**APPROVED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 1, 2021**

Attending: Mayor Jeff Ramsley; Council Members: Edie More, Joan Proehl, Richard Staloch, Lon Stenzel.
City Staff: **City Maint.**- John Hawker, Saxon Warmka; **City Clerk** - Dawn Whitehead;

Mayor Ramsley called to order the Special City Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.
The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the options for repairing the existing garbage truck or purchasing.

Jeff asked for a report to determine the 5 yr average gain/loss of the Refuse Enterprise Account. It has an average of a \$14k gain. That amount, divided by month and by residence, is a potential offset of \$3.85/mo. Jeff suggested using ½ of the offset - \$1.90. Jeff suggested possibly using \$40k of the land sale for the down payment. Dawn explained how the solid waste fees (SWF) and taxes are applied to the garbage fees. Joan mentioned that residents pay extra because we pay a \$7.00 garbage fee on our utility bill. The City will still offer bags for both rural residents and city residents that have more garbage than will fit in a bin. Saxon suggested the township kick in for their residents bringing in garbage. Saxon stated the 2020 Freightliner has a 5-yr warranty, is in Georgia and will be transferred up to Dodge Center.

Jeff reviewed the Options spreadsheet. The 15-yr option depends on being able to get a 15yr life out of truck. Richard asked for clarification on how the total increase is calculated. Dawn explained that the last column is only the truck payment increase, however the garbage bag revenue will be transferred from residents buying bags to a charge to their utility bill.

Jeff asked if Council wanted to choose an option or repair our current truck. The Freightliner has 15,000 miles with 3200 hours. Richard asked how long it would take to get the bins. Saxon stated we can get them to be customized at no extra cost and they could start making them right away. Jeff stated the \$16k in reserve would pay for bins.

The Council needs to pass a resolution to appoint a newspaper so that the City can post notices.

There are no penalties for prepayments. Richard doesn't want to spend down our cash so would finance the whole amount. Saxon verified with the MnDOT that the current truck's license expires April 30th.

Jeff asked Council what the members wanted to do with the Offset amount. Richard stated he didn't think that a \$4 upcharge would be objectionable to most residents. Council agreed to use \$1.90 of the offset. Jeff asked what Council thought about how much the charge should be. Edie suggested making it a flat \$10/mo. Council agreed.

Edie stated we need to let people know that we've switched papers.

Joan made a motion to proceed with the financing for the purchase 2020 Freightliner McNeilus garbage truck with a \$180,000 loan, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

Edie made a motion to purchase the 320 65-gallon garbage bins customized 'Property of Minnesota Lake' subject to the truck purchase loan approval, 2nd by Lon, motion carried.

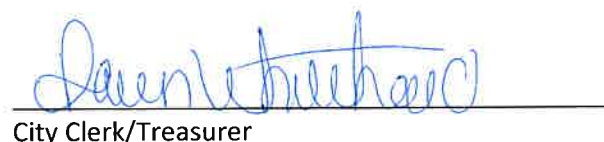
Jeff stated if residents have issues with they can contact a councilmember, and Jeff and Dawn will develop a letter for Council review. Dawn stated with the USDA loan requires the City office to be ADA compliant, and we have to keep track of ethnicity, etc. and report back each year. Jeff stated once it is published there is the option for residents to raise a petition to require a referendum.

Jeff called a special meeting at 7:00 am on March 5th to appoint a new official paper.

Councilmember Richard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 am, 2nd by Edie motion carried unanimously.



Mayor



City Clerk/Treasurer