

**Regular Meeting
Echo City Council
Monday January 10, 2021**

The Special Meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Chmelar at 5:00 pm in the Community Center in the City of Echo, a motion was made by Schettler, seconded by Dehn, to close the meeting for interviews, motion passed unanimously with Mayor Sweetman absent.

Motion was made by Schettler, seconded by Dehn, to reopen meeting, motion passed unanimously, with Mayor Sweetman Absent. Meeting was reopened at 5:59 pm.

Acting Mayor Chmelar called the regular city council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Councilman Hanson, Councilman Dehn, Councilman Chmelar, Councilman Schettler, Interim Clerk Kolander, Fire Chief Dunphy, EMS Chief Kuehn, Public Work Supervisor Nielsen, Susan Paradis, Sara Oberloah. **Absent:** Mayor Sweetman

Citizens/Guests: No Visitors Present

Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:

Council reviewed January 4, 2022 minutes resolution 2022-100 accepting donations and resolution 2022—101 establishing organizations. Motion to approve was made by councilman Schettler, seconded by councilman Chmelar. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Sweetman absent.

Fire Department: Chief Matt Dunphy:

Chief Dunphy informed the council that 3 firemen are going to officers training, and physicals will be next month.

First Responders Chas Kuehn:

- Had no report.

Maintenance Supervisor: Bryan Nielsen

- Bryan was absent from the meeting however left a note for council letting them know that they are waiting on info for payload solenoid, the computer in water

- tower went out and had to get a new one, waiting to hear back if it is under warranty. Exhaust fan on furnace went out at the fire hall and will be replaced when parts come in. He will be out of town January 21-23. ‘
- Council would like a tool inventory from Bryan and council is going to do Bryan’s review at the February meeting.
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 - **Interim City Clerk: Jacob Kolander**
 - Interim Clerk Kolander informed the council that he contacted the League of Minnesota Cities and they are in the process of working with Senator Dahmes and Representative Swedzinski on writing a bill to get the cities second have of LGA for 2020.
 - 2021 has been balance by Alice and we are ready for the 2021 Audit
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 - **Old Business:**
 - Water sewer rates: TIF information will need to wait until next meeting. Motion to approve tabling was made by councilman Dehn, seconded by councilman Hanson, motion passed unanimously, with Mayor Sweetman absent.

New Business:

Motion was made by councilman Dehn, seconded by Hanson, to approve the hiring of Brian Pitzl as the new City Clerk/Treasurer at a wage of \$17.00 per hour including \$20 per month reimbursement for Cell Phone. Life insurance, and paid individual health insurance. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Sweetman absent.

Council would like Alice, Jacob, and Sue to stay on payroll for at least 6 months to assist new Clerk/Treasurer.

Motion was made by Schettler, seconded by Hanson, to approve the temporary on-sale liquor license for American Legion Post #204. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Sweetman absent.

- a. A motion was made by Councilman Schettler to move February’s Meeting to the third Tuesday of February at 6pm, Motion was seconded by Councilman Dehn, Motion passed with Mayor Sweetman absent.

Accounts Due:

- A.** The Council Reviewed the Bills, Payroll Reports, and Bank Statements, A motion to approve was made by Councilman Dehn, Seconded by Councilman Schettler, Motion Passed with Mayor Sweetman absent.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Dehn and second by Councilman Hanson to adjourn, motion passed with Mayor Sweetman absent. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

I, the undersigned, Jacob W. Kolander, Interim City Clerk in and for the City of Echo, Minnesota, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

Mayor Raymond Sweetman

Interim City Clerk- Jacob W. Kolander