

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council
Wednesday, November 9th, 2022**

The regular city council meeting of the City of Echo Minnesota was called to order by Mayor Raymond Sweetman at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Sweetman

Present: Mayor Ray Sweetman, Councilman Mark Schettler, Councilman Reid Hanson, Councilman Jody Chmelar, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen, Fire Chief Matt Dunphy, First Responders Chief Chas Kuehn

Citizens/Guests:

Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:

Motion to approve, October 11th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve consent agenda including Bills for Payment, Payroll, and Bank Information made by Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Fire Department - Chief Matt Dunphy: The fire department brought the pumper truck to ECHO Charter School for Fire Prevention Week to hand out little gifts to the children. Looking at burning a house for training purposes next year. Received around \$3000 for training sessions. Grass rig could use a new pump and motor, tank and skin are ok, pump leaks. Matt will get prices for replacements.

First Responders - Chas Kuehn: Ordered supplies for the first responders' rig. Now good on supplies. Gave log for payroll to clerk for year end.

Maintenance Supervisor – Bryan Nielsen: Lift station inspection was recently done. 1 float was bad. Made decision to replace both floats to stay ahead of any issues. The street sweeper that was contacted to do a trial run for the city was not available this fall due to mechanical issues. Bryan will tell them to put the city on the schedule for next spring. Issue regarding the replacement of a fire hydrant was discussed. Misunderstanding of what parts were needed for replacement. Original amount was quoted at \$2300.00. Additional \$4,000 is needed. Motion by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Hanson to approve the additional amount for repairs. Motion passed unanimously. Plow truck is ready for winter.

Mayor Sweetman –

Councilman Chmelar

Councilman Schettler –.

Councilman Hanson –

Clerk Pitzl – Informed the council that they will need to set a time to canvas the votes from the recent General Election. Council set Monday November 14th at 6:00 pm to canvas votes. The city has until December 27th to finalize the city Tax Levy. Councilmen were given copies of budget to review and discuss at December Meeting. Board of Appeals and Equalization online training is available now until February 1st. The city needs to have at least one council member be trained in order to hold their local board of appeal meeting for 2023. Council members were given instructions and website information to complete the task.

Old Business:

New Business:

Aged balance report for past due water bills was discussed. Clerk was instructed to send out letters of disconnection to customers with water bills over 90 days past due.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Schettler and second by Councilman Hanson to adjourn meeting, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Raymond Sweetman

City Clerk- Brian Pitzl