

Regular Meeting

**Echo City Council
Tuesday, October 11th, 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, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen

Citizens/Guests:

Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:

Motion to approve, September 13th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Chmelar absent. Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Hanson to approve resolution No. 2022—11 Approving Election Judges for November Election. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Chmelar absent. Motion to pass Resolution 121, Certifying Unpaid Charges made by Councilman Hanson, Seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Chmelar absent.

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 with Councilman Chmelar absent.

Reports:

Fire Department - Chief Matt Dunphy: Absent but informed council through Fireman Bryan Nielsen that due to one gas card unaccounted for and that the others are outdated, the gas cards for the fire department will be canceled and the Coop will issue new ones.

First Responders - Chas Kuehn: N/A

Maintenance Supervisor – Bryan Nielsen: Rural water was in town to help with fire hydrant repairs and maintenance. One hydrant was repaired as it wouldn't seal. Another hydrant needs to be replaced because it was not able to be opened at all with a cost of between \$2100 and \$2300. Motion by councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Schettler, to approve replacement of one fire hydrant. Motion carried unanimously with Councilman Chmelar absent. Yearly inspection of the lift station is scheduled for Thursday, October 13th. Equipment is ready

for winter. Bryan will be deer hunting the first week in November but will be available for any emergencies. Some gravestones at the cemetery need attention and will get raised. Requested feed back on what to do with the street sweeper. Was informed to check around to see if there is any interest from other cities.

Mayor Sweetman –

Councilman Chmelar

Councilman Schettler –.

Councilman Hanson –

Clerk Pitzl – Will be out of the office October 20th. City office will return to regular hours starting in November, 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Thursday, closed on Friday. Informed the council that the 2023 final budget must be approved by December 27th. Since the November city council meeting falls on the election day, the council set the date for the November meeting to Wednesday November 9th at 7:00 pm

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. Several properties that are vacant with outstanding balances will be notified that unless paid, they will be assessed to property taxes.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilman Hanson and second by Councilman Schettler to adjourn meeting, motion passed unanimously with Councilman Chmelar absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Raymond Sweetman

City Clerk- Brian Pitzl