

**Echo City Council**  
**Tuesday, October 8th, 2024**

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:** Mayor James Busack, Councilman Mark Schettler, Councilman Dan Larsen Councilman Reid Hanson, Clerk Brian Pitzl, Public Work Supervisor Bryan Nielsen. Absent was Councilman Gjerset.

**Citizens/Guests:** Gayle Pederson

**Open Forum:** Gayle Pederson addressed the council regarding the property next to his. The council informed him that the residents at the property have been sent letters to clean up the property several times. The city has few options, since the city has no police, other than continuing to send letters to residents who violate ordinances.

**Approval of Minutes & Resolutions:**

Motion to approve, September 10th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes, was made by Councilman Larsen, seconded by Councilman Schettler. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

Motion to approve the resolution 2024-011 Approving Election Judges for the General Election. was made by seconded by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

Motion to approve Resolution 122 Certifying Unpaid Charges was made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Larsen. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

**Reports:**

Fire Department - Chief Matt Dunphy -Was absent from the meeting but Bryan Nielsen updated the council that the scheduled house to burn for training was moved to November 30<sup>th</sup> from December 7<sup>th</sup>.

First Responders – Chief Chastity Kuehn:

Maintenance Supervisor – Bryan Nielsen – Bryan will be on vacation October 18<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. The mower is back from the shop. The motor was replaced which was still under warranty. Doing fall discharge. Continues to get the city ready for winter and will be street sweeping when he returns from vacation. The council approved for Bryan to switch the holiday Monday for Friday.

Mayor Busack – Brought up a car that has been parked on the street for a long time. The clerk has sent letters to the resident and will send another letter to have the car removed.

Councilman Schettler –

Councilman Gjerset – Had the clerk gather information and costs to remodel the bathrooms at the community center. Since Councilman Gjerset was absent from the meeting, the council decided to table the findings until the November meeting.

Councilman Hanson –

Councilman Larsen- Had a question regarding garbage pickup times. Would like to know if there is a set schedule as to when it will be picked up on the designated day. Also had issues with the garbage truck driving a little too fast and not stopping at stop signs.

Clerk Pitzl –. The city office will be closed on October 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day. The clerk would like to apply for an Active Transportation Grant to redo the sidewalk in front of the Post Office. The grant would be 100% funded for the repairs, but the city could direct some money to the project to increase the chance of receiving the grant. The city would also be liable for any engineering costs involved with the project. Motion made by Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Larsen to approve the city contributing as much as 10% to the project and pay any other costs not covered by the grant. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

**Old Business:** The nuisance ordinance discussed at the August meeting was tabled for the November meeting. The clerk received a quote from Ryan's Computers for a new laptop and docking station for \$825.00. Motion made by Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Schettler to approve the purchase. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

**New Business:** A building permit was requested from Darren Weiss-Dunphy for a storage shed. Motion made by Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Larsen to approve the permit. Motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Councilman Schettler, seconded by Councilman Larsen to approve the consent agenda consisting of Bills, Payroll, and Bank Information. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Councilman Larsen, and second by Councilman Schettler to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:36 pm, motion carried with Councilman Gjerset absent.

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Mayor James Busack

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City Clerk- Brian Pitzl