

**SPRING GROVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 25, 2021, 6:00 PM**  
**Spring Grove Communications**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The regular meeting of the Spring Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Solberg at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at Spring Grove Communications Room 100 and VIA Zoom.

Present: Mayor Scott Solberg, Council Members Karen Folstad, Chad Rohland, Trent Turner, and Travis Torgerson.

Also Present: City Clerk/Administrator Julie Amundson, EDA Rebecca Charles, Caledonia Argus, Jordan Gerard, Fillmore County Journal, Charlene Selbee, Richard's Sanitation Greg and Taylor Skauge, Abdo, Eick and Myers Layne Kockelman, WSI Mariah Edgington and Harlee Gavin, Residents, Bobbi Holland, Jenn Gulbranson and Robin Middendorf.

Council Member Rohland moved to adopt the agenda, second by Council Member Turner, all approved, motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Rohland move to approve the consent agenda with the correction to Resolution 21-25 Accepting gift from Spring Grove United Fund, second by Council Member Torgerson, all approved, motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM**

Resident Bobbi Holland expressed her concern over the City of Spring Grove having two websites, stating it is very confusing and wondering why the older site hasn't been removed or shut down. Administrator Amundson explained the dot gov site isn't able to be shut down but will expire within the next year.

**2020 AUDIT PRESENTATION (via zoom)**

Layne Kockelman presented the 2020 Audit finding to the Council. Mayor Solberg thanked Mr. Kockelman for the thorough presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Folstad explained John Sylling was hired as the new Utility Director. The effective date is June 1, 2021, and will start at step 7 on the wage scale. Mr. Sylling be in training with Paul Morken the current Utility Director until the end of the year as well as performing his own duties until his replacement is hire.

At this time, no one has expressed interest to be the non-sports Recreation Director. There has been interest in instructing dance classes, we are still waiting on a confirmation they are available.

Council Member Rohland gave an update on Syttende Mai Fest. The speakers in the Log Cabin were not working properly and replacement speakers were brought in so the parade could be announced. Staff will be looking into getting new speakers.

Council Member Rohland moved to give the Syttende Mai Committee and additional \$1700.00. This was the amount paid out for inflatable rides that are no longer in business, second by Council Member Turner. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Rohland explained there has been damage done to a storage shed in Trollskoggen Park. Discussion was held on who uses the shed for storage and the possibility of reorganizing items stored there. Paul Morken will need to be contacted and see what can be done to prevent future damage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mariah Edgington and Harlee Gavin gave a presentation on Aquatic Center hours of operations, how the change of hours effects the budget as well as the number of lessons that can be offered. After much discussion, and concerns expressed from the audience, the Council requested Mariah check the availability of staff that would be able to cover the hours of 6:00 to 8:00 or 7:00 to 9:00 pm shifts and report back at the June meeting. No decision was made and the topic was tabled until the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Council Member Folstad moved to hire Summer Recreation Employees Blaine Storlie, Chandler Bergrud, Nathan Solberg, Jaxon Strinmoen, Logan Brumm and Jessica Morken. Second by Council Member Torgerson, Mayor Solberg abstained, Council Members, Folstad, Torgerson, Turner and Rohland voted in favor, motion carried.

Rebecca Charles with CEDA gave a presentation on the Feasibility Study that was conducted on three possible sites for development in Spring Grove. They are the Bender Fourth Addition, Dave Morken Development, and City Shop-Quonset Hut. WHKS did soil borings, determined what infrastructure was available and put together a cost estimate for each site. The next step in the process would be to ask for a request for proposal (RFP) from interested parties. Parties replying to this request would not be making any kind of commitment to a move forward with the development, it is informational only. Mayor Solberg moved to have the Housing Sub-

Committee to put out RFP on the Shop-Quonset location. Second by Council Member Rohland, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Greg and Taylor Skauge from Richard's Sanitation were present to explain the updated cost of carts if the city were to converted to the tote system. The 95-gallon cart would be used for recycling and collected twice a month would run \$3.85 a month. The 65-gallon cart used for garbage would run \$11.15 including tax. Recycling would still to be picked up twice a month, while the refuse would be picked up weekly. These prices are good for 30 days. Council Member Rohland moved to create a mail survey comparing the cost of carts vs bags and residents will be requested to mail the response back to City Hall, second by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

## **BUDGET**

Updated budget was available through April of 2021 by Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Konkel. Discussion on the 2022 budget will need to start soon.

## **MAYOR/COUNCIL**

Mayor Solberg commented on the SAFE Route to school that is sponsored through MN DOT. The last week of school, students are dropped off at the Log Cabin and walk the school.

Union Negotiations will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 10:00 am at 168 W. Main, Spring Grove, MN.

Next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6.00 in the Spring Grove Communications Room 100.

## **MEETING REPORTS**

EDA – Review of the hotel study. Update on the Village Motel, and talked about the Rebound Grants

PARKS – No Meeting

LIBRARY – Library Director Johnson is retiring and the new director has been hired

FIRE DEPT. – No Meeting

HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE - looking into areas to development in Spring Grove,

2030 COMMITTEE – RSP Team did a walk-through Spring Grove

CHAMBER – Farmers Market on Wednesday's has started. Puzzle Fund Raiser is underway with hopes to be able to order them soon.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Rohland moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm, second by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Julie Amundson

Clerk/Administrator