

**SPRING GROVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 23, 2021, 6:00 PM**  
**Spring Grove Communications, Room 100**

Mayor Solberg called the November Spring Grove City Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council present: Mayor Scott Solberg, Council Members; Karen Folstad, Chad Rohland, Travis Torgerson and Trent Turner.

Staff present: Administrator Amundson, and Kathleen Taylor.

Guest present: Charlene Selbee with Fillmore County Journal, Jordan Gerard with Caledonia Argus.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Council Member Folstad moved to adopt the agenda seconded by Council Member Rohland, all voted in favor, motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Torgerson move to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Folstad, all voted in favor, motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Administrator Amundson gave an update on survey conducted by WHKS on parcel 26.0528.000, owned by John and Dawn Sylling. The alley has been determined and marked with survey nails. The alley is south of what is it currently being driven on. A utility pole with a guide wire will need to be relocated. This project was not budgeted and will be reassessed in the spring.

The city will be receiving payment on back utility bills from the previous owner of 3 mobile homes in the trailer court. The amount of \$2,855.01 was awarded for outstanding utilities.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held on connecting 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE. The area being currently used has not been declared a street or alley but is used as a connecting street. consideration should be given to pave the street and be named for in the future. Currently the city does snow removal and gravels that area. Utility Director Sylling recommends paving the area and keep it as an alley until the area to the south is developed.

Mayor Solberg talked about the Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) grant he is writing and asked for the support of City Council on this project. It cost approximately \$15,000.00 per sign and requires approval from MN DOT. Council Member Rohland moved to support the

project by having the City of Spring Grove cover the labor cost of installation. Seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Reviewed the EDA contract for 2022, no action taken.

Administrator Amundson gave an update on the Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce hiring of contract workers for three months. Marlene Deschler and Angie Solie were hired as a shared director for the Chamber.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL**

Next Council Meeting will be December 21, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

### **MEETING REPORTS**

EDA – Discussion on the need for more restaurants in town. That was one of the main suggestions from the workshops held this summer.

PARKS & REC – Talked about the basketball area and the old swimming pool

PLANNING & ZONING – Discussed the Gerard easement, regulation on moving a house into town, and the Bender 4<sup>th</sup> addition.

LIBRARY – no meeting

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Turner informed the Council he was writing a grant with AGF

Council Member Turner moved to go into closed session at 6:30 pm to discuss AFSCME union contract, seconded by Council Member Rohland all voted in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Solberg moved to return to open session at 7:04 pm, seconded by Council Member Rohland, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Solberg moved to accept the tentative agreement dated November 18, 2021. Seconded by Council Member Folstad, all voted in favor, motion carried

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn meeting at 7:06 pm, seconded by Mayor Solberg, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Amundson  
Clerk/Administrator