

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
August 27, 2018
Minutes**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, Minnesota was duly held in the Council Chambers of said City on the 17th day of August, 2018.

Members Present: Allen Bertilrud, Justin Carriere, Kevin Brevik, Sara Kenfield, Neil Knaack, Cheryl Matzke

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Kathleen Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Matt Swendra, Carol Seeger, Barry Glienke, Dylan Brown, Deb Derouin, Mitch Bernstein

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Kenfield moved, seconded by Carriere, to approve the Agenda with the tabling of 6.02 and the addition of 6.05 – Water Tower Inspection Report and 6.06 – Workman’s Compensation and Property Insurance. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Carriere moved, seconded by Knaack, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Approval of the August 13, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Bills and Disbursements

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Engineer Glienke discussed the scope of the street and utility project. He met with the contractor about the proposed changes and making it work. Davidson Construction has agreed to hold their unit bid prices with the reduced scope of work. After going over the project costs, the total construction costs are at \$4.757 million plus engineering costs. The contractor would hope to start the first phase of the project, the Homark area and 3rd Street, by September 17, 2018. Discussion was held about the cost of the project. The council wants time to go over the project costs in detail before making a decision.

Kenfield moved, seconded by Carriere, to table a decision on the street and utility project until the next council meeting on September 10th.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Matzke moved, seconded by Kenfield, to approve continuing with the current health insurance provider with a 4.9% increase and to continue paying the \$1,500 into the HSA accounts.

On vote being taken, Brevik and Knaack opposed; the motion was passed.

Two week ago the city water tower was inspected. The last inspection was in 2014. The condition of the interior has gotten worse. The company recommends doing a complete sandblast and re-coat for approximately \$750,000 within the next 2-3 years. They also think we should install a mixer for ice issues at a cost of about \$9,000. Beginning in 2013, our Water Tower Improvement Fund from the monthly water bills brings in approximately \$34,000 per year. Although the fund balance is growing, we have not accrued the amount needed for the estimated repairs.

Brevik moved, seconded by Kenfield, to approve the Property, Casualty and Workman’s Compensation insurance renewal.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

Kenfield moved, seconded by Carriere, to approve extending summer hours for city employees through September 30th.

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator