

**City of Red Lake Falls
City Council Meeting
July 27, 2020
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 27th day of July, 2020.

Members Present: Allen Bertilrud, Briana Ingraham, Kevin Brevik, Cheryl Matzke

Members Absent: Neil Knaack, Justin Carriere

Others Present: Kathy Schmitz, Delray Sparby, Dylan Brown, Marty Seifert, Jim Trojanowski

The **Zoom** meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Ingraham moved, seconded by Brevik, to approve the Agenda as presented. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Matzke moved, seconded by Ingraham, to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of additional Finance Checks #042288-#042292.

Approval of the July 13, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Bills and Disbursements

On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Marty Seifert, lobbyist for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) updated the Council on their 2020 legislative session. COVID-19 impacted their 2020 session. The \$1.5 million surplus turned into a \$2.4 billion deficit. The bonding bill never got done and they are still not sure it will get done. CGMC lobbied hard for aid. Red Lake Falls received \$104,000 and they are setting up Cares Act Guidance on what the money can be used for. The \$1.35 billion dollar bonding bill unveiled in July was voted down. \$10 million in Childcare Grants was stopped due to COVID. CGMC will advocate that Local Government Aid (LGA) be paid in full and on time and not delayed. Red Lake Falls is scheduled for an increase in LGA, from \$610,000 to \$617,000, unless they end up with a deficit where they need to retract it. Their top priority is to protect LGA funding in the next budget cycle.

Jim Trojanowski, Director of the Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) reported on the Library and their 2021 budget request. They are requesting a 2% increase in funding for their 2021 budget. That is an increase of \$436.00 from last year for the City of Red Lake Falls.

Ingraham moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the first reading of the amended Tobacco Ordinance restricting the purchase of tobacco products from age 18 to age 21 to be compliant with State Statutes. *On vote being taken, the motion was unanimously passed.*

Brevik moved, seconded by Matzke, to approve the Tobacco Ordinance Amendment to comply with State Statutes. **For: Brevik, Ingraham, Matzke, and Bertilrud. Absent: Carriere, Knaack. Against: None. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bertilrud, Mayor

Kathleen Schmitz, City Administrator