**Council Members Present:** Mayor Brent Switzer, Sheldon Johnson, Shaine Parr, Dan Walker, and Art Underhill.

**Others Present:**  City Clerk Tiffany Parr, Utility Billing Clerk Kathleen Bennett, Water and Sewer Operator John Mikrot, Fire Chief Gerard Bennett, and various members of public.

**Call to Order:** Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 pm by Mayor Switzer.

**Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda which includes the minutes of the July regular city council meeting/public hearing meeting, the disbursements and financial reports, and accounts payable was submitted for approval. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

S. Parr made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D. Walker. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Petitions, Requests, and/or Complaints:** Rosie Meilke complained about a sign still laying in her yard. Art made note of it and will take care of it. Mike Fanum asked about an ordinance restricting having an outdoor band at the Squirrel Cage which will be done by 11:00. There is no ordinance regarding this.

**Gerard Bennett, Fire Chief:**  Runs to date: 2 other, 23 fire, 65 ems. Trucks 1, 3, and 6 are being transferred over. Real close to activating the new trucks. Would like to set up sealed bids on the old trucks and equipment once ready.

S. Parr made a motion to approve the sealed bid process for the old trucks and equipment, seconded by S. Johnson. Motion carried with all members voting in favor

Got new lighting put in the office area. Got bulbs ordered for the outside lights. Still waiting on the structural PPE FEMA grant and the DNR grant. Other grant options for Federated Oil, MN Power, ECE, & Essentia grants. Public relations: 2 parades for 4th of July – Moose Lake and Finlayson. Askov parade is coming up. Helped Community Club with Music & Memories. National Night Out was wet but went well. Recruitment: got two applications out; there’s a third considering interviewing. Donations: Very appreciative to Emily Nalezny. Asked for donations to the fire department in lieu of flowers at her funeral. Need to get with John about the bollards. Commercial Club is looking into getting lights along the new culvert on 61 – a couple wash lights shining on the rapids, and a couple lights shining down on the walking trail. Dan and Art talked about organizing the city shop and possibly insulating and heating the cold side.

**John Mikrot, Water and Sewer Operator:** Will get jetting done around the end of the month/beginning of next month. Televising possibly next year. The pond road needs to be cleared; can’t get out there anymore. Art said he will take a look at it this week.

**Kathleen Bennett, Utility Billing Clerk:** Sent out 155 bills sent out, 37 by email, 118 mailed, totaling $14,307.30. Late fees $322.90. No shut offs.

**Tiffany Parr, City Clerk:** Talked to Aaron Gunderson with Pine County. He said the culvert project is scheduled to start midweek and should take about a month to complete. Proposed levy is due by the end of September. Will schedule a budget meeting next month to go over the levy amount. There was a call about a hornets nest in the near the rock rapids. They spoke with the DNR and the DNR told them that the city handles that. Art and Dan can go up there and take a look.

**Sheldon Johnson, Zoning:** Sheldon brought up a question about parking a fifth wheel style travel trailer on a residential property. He told him that it was ok to park it temporarily as long as it gets moved and is not permanent.

**Old Business**

**Repairing Walters Road:**  Rocon is planning on getting out to Walters Road in August.

**Repairing Roads in Town:** Kiminski got the blacktopping done near Peggy’s house where the storm drain work had been done, so that project is finished now. The grate near the school is bent out of shape. Dan will take it back to his shop and try to straighten it out. Art would like to propose sending a letter to the school about keeping the bus traffic off Pine Street and routing the buses out to the county roads.

A. Underhill made a motion to not allow the schools to use city side streets other than Main to get to the school and Doe to get to the fields, seconded by S. Parr. Motion carried with all members voting in favor

**Blight:** John Erlitz has made some progress on his clean up. Still has more to go. Prachars have made good progress as well. Sheldon said the Mlaskoch shop is piling up the old vehicles and waiting to get a truck in to crush them. And they got some mowing done as well.

**New Business**

**Transients and Loitering Ordinance:** The previous ordinance that was passed for Public Nuisance did not help with addressing the homeless situation. Shaine came up with an ordinance that should be better for addressing that issue. Pine County Sheriff was called regarding this issue and told the resident that the city needed an ordinance that they could enforce.

A. Underhill made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 100 Transients and Loitering, seconded by S. Parr. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Sunset Clause Ordinance:** This ordinance just states that every five years, the ordinances need to be reviewed.

A. Underhill made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 101 Sunset Clause, seconded by S. Parr. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Second Amendment Sanctuary City Ordinance:** This ordinance just states that the city will follow the 2nd Amendment.

A. Underhill made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 102 Second Amendment Sanctuary City, seconded by S. Parr. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**New State Marijuana Law:** The state has instituted a new marijuana law. Something to keep in mind for in the future.

Dan Brought up that there are some trees growing close to the road in some spots that could be a trouble for snow removal in the future if they do not get taken care of. Need to talk to Bruce Bohaty about his properties. Art would like to make a recommendation that we don’t plow the portion of Willow Street that is now being used as the detour. The bridge needs to be repaired, and we are not planning on putting the money into repairing/replacing the bridge, so no need to plow that portion of the road.

Kiminski is offering to do the same job as Rocon at the same price but extend it out to 10 feet wide instead of just 8 feet for blacktopping by the fire hall.

A. Underhill made a motion to rescind the motion to Rocon last month and give the job to Kiminski, seconded by D. Walker. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Adjournment**

S. Parr made a motion to adjourn, seconded by A. Underhill. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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Tiffany Parr, City Clerk

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Brent Switzer, Mayor