**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 August 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 S. Johnson. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Petitions, Requests, and/or Complaints:** Liz Kelly reached out to Shaine to complain about people drag racing on Church Street.

**Gerard Bennett, Fire Chief:**  Runs to date: 4 other, 26 fire, 74 ems. New (used) trucks 1, 3, and 6 are 80-90% online. Hall lights have been changed to LED on outside. Working with Tiff on getting the sealed bids process started. Still waiting on the structural PPE FEMA grant. Working on other grants for Federated Oil, MN Power, ECE, & Essentia grants.We did get awarded the DNR 50/50 grant, total $10,000 ($5,000/$5,000) for wild land equipment (3 trucks to outfit). Public relations: Did the Askov parade. October is fire prevention week with the school. Recruitment: got two applications out; one we are talking to. Donations: Received donations on behalf of Emily Nalezny in lieu of flowers at her funeral. Need to get with John about the bollards. Will be resuming EMR/EMT refresher training. Commercial Club is working on getting the lighting at the rock arch rapids. Parts have been ordered. Permits are all done.

**John Mikrot, Water and Sewer Operator:** Got a couple curb box repairs done. The weeds are getting out of hand at the sewer ponds. There should not be vegetation around the ponds, should be just the rock.

**Kathleen Bennett, Utility Billing Clerk:** Sent out 155 bills sent out, 37 by email, 118 mailed, totaling $15,736.8. Late fees $349.82. No shut offs. Working on the water/sewer policy draft. In October, will be getting a knee replacement.

**Tiffany Parr, City Clerk:** Received a letter from Pine Hospital District offering free first responder and defibrillator training. Will try to get more info before next meeting. Response required by October 15th.

**Sheldon Johnson, Zoning:** No new zoning or permits. Tiffany needs the permit book to send info to the county. They are requesting this info twice a year now as apposed to annually as done previuosly.

**Old Business**

**Repairing Walters Road:**  This is being handled by the township. Rocon will be out soon to get started on the work.

**Repairing Roads in Town:** Still working on manhole covers. Preventative sucking out of storm drains.

**Blight:** There is some blight at a couple houses on Lake Street. Will send out letters. House by the school has some junk vehicles that need to be taken care of. Will send another letter highlighting that part.

**New Business**

**Speed Limit Signs on Countryside Loop:**  RV park is complaining about people driving too fast and would like some speed limit signs put up. Sheriff said that we cannot change the speed limit on that road without going through a whole process but we could put up courtesy signs as long as they do not look too official. We gave a sign to Gwen and she got it put up. She is complaining that people are still driving too fast.

**Noise Ordinance:** Shaine brought a basic noise ordinance to the council as we did not have a noise ordinance on the books.

D. Walker made a motion to approve the Noise Ordinance No. 103, seconded by S. Parr. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Snow Plow Bids:** We received one snow plow bid from Buetow. Dan would like to withhold 10% from each invoice for any issues or damage incurred.

A. Underhill made a motion to approve the bid from Buetow for snow plowing, seconded by S. Johnson. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Budget Meeting:** Need to schedule a budget meeting to set the primary levy. Decided to go with 4:00 on Thursday, September 21.

There was a complaint that there is a drop off at the house across from the post office where everybody does U-turns. Art mentioned putting some class 5 in there.

There is a free seminar on September 16 from 9am-4pm in Rutledge with some city/township attorneys. Brent got a reservation for The City of Willow River.

Complaints about the homeless man parked near the Corral Bar need to be forwarded to the Sherrif’s department. We have an ordinance on the books that they should be able to enforce now.

Shaine suggested we review the ordinances as per the sunset clause at the budget meeting.

**Adjournment**

S. Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Parr. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

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Tiffany Parr, City Clerk

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Brent Switzer, Mayor