**Council Members Present:** Mayor Brent Switzer, Vickie Whitehouse, Sheldon Johnson, Chris Ketchmark, and Art Underhill

**Others Present:**  Utility Billing Clerk Kathleen Bennett, City Clerk Tiffany Parr, Water and Sewer Operator John Mikrot, Fire Chief Gerard Bennett, Planning Commission David Prachar, Dave Kliniski, Steven Prachar, Rosie Mielke, and Harold Blatz.

**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 February regular city council meeting, the disbursements and financial reports, and accounts payable was submitted for approval. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

V. Whitehouse made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by C. Ketchmark. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Petitions, Requests, and/or Complaints:** None

**Dave Prachar, Planning Commission Update:** Discussion regarding new zoning map. There is a property on Birch Bay Lane that is actually city property that wasn’t labeled as such on the previous map the planning commission had made. They will make that change. Will have some nice copies made. Planning Commission is starting to work on a comprehensive plan for the city that they will bring to the council in a year or two.

**Gerard Bennett, Fire Chief:**  Runs to date: 10 fire, 29 ems, 39 total. All 3 of new trucks are in the works at different stages. Changing trucks over for wild land fires now that snow is gone. Reminder that there is a roof leak in the furnace area. PPE grant is still in the works. Radio grant also still in the works. Community Club fun day with Easter bunny this Saturday. WRHS community service day. Some discussion of different options of what they can do. HVAC will start the end of the month. Marquee sign will be starting soon near Northern Pine Riders. Hydrant locks will be starting with warmer weather. All trucks will get split key ring for hydrant locks and bollards. Bollards will be started with the most needed locations first. Hydrant being used for utility water purchases is showing wear. Would like to see a utility hydrant installed and leave the fire hydrants alone.

**John Mikrot, Water and Sewer Operator:** Salted up storm drains and got them cleaned up. Installed new water meters. Ordered some more outside registers. Ordered 10, used 4 so far. Hydrants will be flushed at the end of the month. Will patch roads towards the end of the month when weather warms up. Discussed switching from gas chlorine to liquid chlorine. $500-$600 for electrician. Plus Hawkins quote $2500 for their part to switch chlorine. Making the switch makes the chlorine easier to monitor and regulate.

**Kathleen Bennett, Utility Billing Clerk:** 152 bills sent out, 33 by email, totaling $9,880.72. We still have 2 houses dripping. Estimated their usage. Still dripping until John gives ok. Need to refund Al Villa for over payment of $240.42. Currently 2 people on shut off list. One person on payment arrangement. Two new houses added on Wyatts Cove – sewer only, metered.

A. Underhill made a motion to refund Al Villa, seconded by V. Whitehouse. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Tiffany Parr, City Clerk:** Quote for workers comp insurance, went up due to increased PTSD claims. Grant available to install election drop box. Some discussion – decided not to persue.

**Sheldon Johnson, Zoning:** S. Johnson had nothing new to report.

**V. Whitehouse, Dam Update:**  In May will need to move permabond. Working with MN Power to move electricity to pavilion. Need to order some signs. Lawn mowing will just be up by the pavilion. Art suggested looking into a solar light that goes at the top of the pole and shines down on the flag. If we go that route, we would not need power at the pavilion. Some discussion about getting MN Power to add a street light to the pole they have there.

**Old Business**

**Lawn Mowing bids:** Have received two bids so far. Will look at those and any others received at next meeting.

**New Business**

**Permits – ground mount solar arrays and fiber installations:** Discussion whether a permit would be required for a ground mount solar array. Also discussion regarding cell tower permits. Currently no permits required for cell towers. Some discussion regarding roof solar panels vs. ground mount. Will discuss further next month.

**ARPA – resolution to elect the standard revenue loss allowance:** One time opportunity to elect a standard revenue loss. This makes ARPA reporting easier and is very open with how you can use the funds.

S. Johnson made a motion to elect the standard revenue loss allowance, seconded by V. Whitehouse. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Complaints:** No complaints this month. Sheldon mentioned the brushing that the township had done on Walters Road. It was not done well. Township received numerous complaints. The township is going to hire somebody to come back and chip everything and clean it all up and rectify the situation. No timeframe right now, but it will be taken care of.

**Adjournment**

C. Ketchmark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by A. Underhill. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

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Tiffany Parr, City Clerk

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Brent Switzer, Mayor