**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.

**Public Hearing for Floodplain Ordinance Amendment:** No public comments.

**Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda which includes the minutes of the June 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.

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:** Jerry Kachmarzinski had a complaint about the traffic going into the dance studio via Church St. The access to the dance studio is through the Dollar General parking lot. The DNR put barricades up at the access between the DNR parking lot and the dance studio parking lot. Brent will contact the owner and follow up with a letter to have them use their legal access through the Dollar General lot.

**Gerard Bennett, Fire Chief:**  Runs to date: 2 other, 22 fire, 59 ems. Trucks 1, 3, and 6 are being transferred over. Once the new trucks are ready, will be looking to sell two of the old trucks on auction. Would like to have new trucks ready before freeze up. Still working on the LED lighting. Still waiting on the structural PPE FEMA grant. Put in for DNR 50/50 match grant up to $10,000 for breathing apparatus and wildland PPE. Still going to apply for Federated Oil, MN Power, EDE, & Essentia grants. Public relations: 2 parades for 4th of July – Moose Lake and Finlayson. August 1st is National Night Out – will be set up at the park at 5:00 with the grill and trucks. Recruitment: two applications went out; one to talk to yet. Bollards: would like to get one in by the school before freeze up. Training reimbursement has been sent in to MBFTE. If any sort of fence gets put up at the back of the fire hall lot, would like it to have a gate or be removable if needed for emergencies.

**John Mikrot, Water and Sewer Operator:** The main lift station was mowed, but there are still logs and branches up there that were mowed around. The pond road is getting really over grown and trees need to be trimmed in order to be able to get big trucks back there when needed. The deer are abusing some of the fence line around the ponds. The ponds weren’t mowed very close, and the road leading in should be mowed back more as well.

**Kathleen Bennett, Utility Billing Clerk:** Sent out 154 bills sent out, 36 by email, 118 mailed, totaling $16,753.20. Late fees $348.74. Got more info about the letter from MN Rural Water about the ServLine Leak Protection Plan. This would be an insurance service offered to residents from ServLine through the city utility billing looking like it is coming from the city. It would be an opt out program, automatically signing everyone up, requiring residents to opt out if they don’t want to have it. Council decided not to move forward with this.

**Tiffany Parr, City Clerk:** Received a call about the Waipiti Labs building questioning if they could have a business with a living quarters in it. No foreseeable issues with that but it would need to be brought in front of the Planning Commission. Asked about permits required for food trucks. Transient Merchant ordinance applies to food trucks. Asked about National Night Out bicycle giveaways. Will look into getting some bikes.

**Sheldon Johnson, Zoning:** Nothing new.

**Old Business**

**Repairing Walters Road:**  Kettle River Township approved the bid from Rocon. Public comment about how bad of shape the corners on Walters Road are. Also a complaint about the tree growth at the stop sign on the corner of 43 and Walters.

**Repairing Roads in Town:** Paving has been done on Pine Street and Church Street. Need to send a bill to Mlaskoch Excavating for the Church Street patch. Received two bids for paving in the fire hall parking lot.

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

**Shop Rental:** Council looked over the lease agreement so the newer members could understand the agreement. No changes were made or suggested.

**Lead Service Line Inventory:** Discussion about what is required for the lead service line inventory report. The report looks to be something the city can complete on our own. Water system was installed after the statewide lead ban.

**New Business**

**Councilmember compensation:** In regards to councilmembers being compensated for additional work done around the city. There are contracts and resolutions that will need to be passed by unanimous vote in order for councilmembers to be compensated.

S. Parr made a motion to approve the contracts for council reimbursement, seconded by S. Johnson. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Pictures of some damage on Doe Street from logging trucks. The logging company will be responsible to repairs to the road.

Art brought up some complaints received about blight at Brett’s shop. There was also some discussion about the blight at the house across from the school. A letter has already been sent there and Brent will follow up. Sheldon said we should be addressing all of the blight issues in town. We will start by sending letters out to the properties that have issues.

**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 8:30 pm.

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Tiffany Parr, City Clerk

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Brent Switzer, Mayor