A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 6:30pm via electronic means (GoToWebinar) per authority of MN Statutes 13D.031 due to a State declared health pandemic, with Mayor Hagg presiding. Council Members participating: Favolise, Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, and Sullivan. Council Members absent: None. Also participating: City Administrator, Jasper Kruggel, Public Services Director, Rich Kucera, and Finance Director, Zach Doud.

Motion by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Krogmann to approve the agenda. Voting in favor: Favolise, Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Presentations: None

Motion M2020-123 by Council Member Favolise seconded by Council Member Sullivan to approve the following consent agenda items:

- City Council Meeting Minutes August 24, 2020
- City Council Special Meeting Minutes August 31, 2020
- Disbursements through September 14, 2020
- Set Public Hearing Date for Certification of Special Assessments

Voting in favor: Favolise, Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Motion M2020-124 by Council Member Krogmann seconded by Council Member Schlueter to close public comment. Voting in favor: Favolise, Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion M2020-125 by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Favolise to open the public hearing on the CSAH22 Improvement Project assessment. Voting in favor: Favolise, Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

The following individuals addressed City Council during the CSAH22 Improvement Project public hearing:

- Larry Bruender
- Oscar Juarez
- Sheila Liljander

Motion M2020-126 by Council Member Kirby seconded by Council Member Schlueter to close the public hearing on the CSAH22 Improvement Project assessment. Voting in favor: Huntington, Kirby, Schlueter. Voting no: Favolise, Krogmann, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Motion failed.

Motion by Council Member Krogmann seconded by Council Member Sullivan to table the closing of the public hearing to the last item on the agenda this evening. Motion withdrawn.

Motion M2020-127 by Council Member Favolise seconded by Council Member Sullivan to close the public hearing on the CSAH22 Improvement Project assessment but allowing residents to submit an official appeal via email to the City Administrator or City Clerk by 9:00pm. Voting in favor: Favolise, Kirby, Krogmann, Schluter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: Huntington. Motion caried.

Motion by Council Member Krogmann seconded by Council Member Sullivan for a five-minute recess. Voting in favor: Favolise, Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Favolise seconded by Council Member Sullivan to resume the meeting. Voting in favor: Favolise, Huntington, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Council Member Huntington left the meeting.

Motion by Council Member Favolise seconded by Council Member Krogmann to approve **Resolution R2020-023** for the 20201 preliminary general fund budget, 2021 preliminary property tax levy, and setting the public hearing date for the 2021 tax levy for December 14, 2020. Voting in favor: Favolise, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion M2020-128 by Council Member Kirby seconded by Council member Krogmann to approve the quote from Bergerson Caswell, Inc. with a total base bid plus all add items of \$107,270.00. Voting in favor: Favolise, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Krogmann to approve **Resolution R2020-024** opting to increase the benefit level for Firefighters who are vested in the Statewide Volunteer Firefighters Plan, increasing the annual benefit for the Le Sueur Fire Department pension fund from \$4000 to \$5000 effective January 2, 2021. Voting in favor: Favolise, Kirby, Krogmann, and Sullivan. Voting no: Schlueter and Mayor Hagg. Motion carried.

Motion M2020-129 by Council Member Sullivan seconded by Council Member Krogmann to authorize staff to place an order to secure 2020 state bid pricing for the chassis to replace fire engine #2. Voting in favor: Favolise, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Comments/Reports/Items of Appreciation:

- Krogmann: Airport commission met last week.
- Sullivan: MRVT meeting tomorrow, with work session.
- Favolise: RPAC meeting elected new chair (Kris Wilke).
- Kruggel: Bridge Street should be opening in the next week. The Community Center has 70 membership as of September 9th. Staff will start filling ice time.
- Hagg: Personnel and Budget committee meeting on Wednesday.

Motion by Council Member Favolise seconded by Council Member Sullivan to adjourn. Voting in favor: Favolise, Kirby, Krogmann, Schlueter, Sullivan, and Mayor Hagg. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Stacy Lawrence

Communications & HR Director/City Clerk