

Clear Lake Village Board Minutes

President Roger LaBlanc called the regular meeting of the Clear Lake Village Board to order on February 6, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Clear Lake Municipal Building (350 4th Avenue). Roll Call members present included Marie Bannink, Lori Martin, Joey Monson Lillie, Pete Cogbill, Gerald Becker, and Mike Flaherty. Others present were Al Bannink – Village Clerk, Aaron Buhr – Street & Water Operator in Charge, Dan Kegley & Beth Hedstrom – REM Inspections LLC and Greg Adams – Cedar Corporation. Also present were Wendy Schoggins – CL Community Center and Bobbi Schlusser – AC Motel. 4th Avenue & 2nd Street residents present were John Hugdahl, Bruce Johnson, Joyce Aune, Collin Kuhn, and Robert & Brenda Messerly.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of the January 2, 2024, village board meetings were approved (motion – Lori Martin, 2nd – Mike Flaherty, 6-0).

The Public Hearing for the Preliminary Special Assessments for 4th Avenue & 2nd Street project was held. Greg Adams – Cedar Corporation – explained the need and scope of the project. The project includes replacing deteriorating stormwater piping from the intersection of 3rd Street west along 4th Avenue and down 2nd Street to its terminus into the culverts by the swamp on the east side of 2nd Street. Sanitary Sewer main and laterals along with Water Main and laterals will also be replaced. Curb & Gutter and sidewalk will also be replaced during the project. The project is scheduled to be put out for bids in March and awarding of the bids at the April meeting. Assessments cost will include replacement sanitary sewer laterals, curb & gutter, and sidewalk. Residents had several questions that were answered by the board.

Village Building Inspector Dan Kegley – REM Inspecting LLC. presented the 2023 inspection report for the Village of Clear Lake. Beth Hedstrom discussed permitting reporting and changes.

The following Temporary Class B Beer license (Picnic) was approved: Clear Lake Community Center on February 18th for their Cupid fundraiser (motion – Mike Flaherty, 2nd – Marie Bannink, 6-0).

Property –

Bobbi Schlusser – AC Motel – appeared before the board to discuss a letter she received from Polk County Health Department regarding Hotel/motel license. Since she rents out rooms for long term tenants (greater than 60 days), Polk County will no longer be renewing the hotel/motel licenses for short term rentals. She was advised that she would be able to continue the long-term rental as a “conditional use” under the commercial zoning if she has another proper commercial business located in the building. She was also advised one of the conditions would be to clean up and maintain her property. She did express interest in expanding the building. She was referred to the building inspector for the building code questions.

Results of the sealed bids for the 2003 Ford Pickup and 2017 Dodge Durango were reviewed. The top bid for the pickup was \$10,600. This exceeded our minimum bid. The top bid for the Durango was \$8,827. This did not exceed our minimum bid. A motion to sell the Ford Pickup for \$10,600 but keep the Durango and contact the dealership to obtain the minimum bid amount was approved (motion – Pete Cogbill, 2nd – Mike Flaherty, 6-0).

Street –

The streetlights on main street are out due to broken underground wire. We are attempting to locate its position.

Sewer –

Payment Request #42 from Magney Construction for \$64,823.63 was approved. This is the FINAL payment to close out the construction stage of the project. This request still requires USDA approval (motion – Mike Flaherty 2nd – Lori Martin, Roll Call: Marie Bannink – yes, Pete Cogbill – yes, Lori Martin – yes, Gerald Becker – yes, Joey Monson-Lillie – yes, Mike Flaherty – yes and Roger LaBlanc – yes, 7-0).

Sambatek will still need to void the last change order of \$960.00 to “zero” out the project.

Disbursements for January 2024 were approved (motion – Mike Flaherty, 2nd – Gerald Becker, 6-0).

General	\$	336,520.37
Sewer	\$	67,119.58
Water	\$	21,448.39
TOTAL:	\$	425,088.34

The meeting was adjourned at 8.18 p.m. (motion – Marie Bannink, 2nd – Lori Martin, 6-0).

Al Bannink
Village Clerk
Village of Clear Lake