

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CLEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 21, 2025
Work Session with Northland Securities – 5:30 pm
Council Meeting 7:00 pm at City Hall**

Work Session called to order at 5:30 pm

Northland Securities representative made a presentation regarding the options for the financing of the new fire hall.

Work Session closed at 6:40 pm

A brief recess called for 20 minutes prior to the regularly scheduled council meeting.

Council meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Goenner, Council Members, Nelson, Janish and Miller

Stand for Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval (Motion required)

Changes made to Consent Agenda

Correct spelling errors

Correct bank and newspaper information in Resolution 2025-05

Council Member Nelson motions to approve the amended Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Janish.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Open Forum: limited to five (5) minutes for non-agenda items; State your name and address. No council action will be taken, items will be referred back to staff.

New Business:

1. Sherburne County Attorney present and spoke briefly regarding services to the community.
2. Fire Department
 - A. Palmer Township Fire Contract
 - B. Clear Lake Township Fire Contract
 - C. Increasing Fire Dept. Budget by 10%

Council Member Janish motioned, Council Member Nelson abstain from voting and discussion as a council member due to possible conflict of interest. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

**Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Abstained: 1**

Motion carried.

- A. and B. Working on new Fire Service contracts with the townships (previously a single contract with both townships). Contracts were through a Fire Advisory Board. That board then became a voting board and the board had control over when, where and how the money could be spent. It was decided it would be best to do a separate contract with each township. Terms have changed in the new contracts.

Council Member Janish motions to approve the new Palmer Township Fire Contract and the new Clear Lake Township Fire Contract. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

**Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Abstained: 1**

Motion carried.

- C. Budget has already been approved and submitted. Where will the additional funds come from? Direct money from the General Fund to cover shortages in the Fire Dept. to cover this year. Staff will contact the County Auditor and ask if an increase to budget is allowed at this point.

Decision is tabled until the 02/03/2025 Council Meeting.

3. Ordinance 01-2025 – Amending City Code 202 – Revise Council Meeting Procedures

Motion by Council Member Janish to amend City Code 202 Council Meeting Procedure, Seconded by Council Member Miller.

**Ayes: 4
Nays: 0**

Motion carried.

4. Resolution 2025-06 – Accepting Donation from Clear Lake Lions for Fire Dept. radios.

Motion made by Council Member Janish to Accept Donation from Clear Lake Lions for Clear Lake Fire Dept. radios. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

**Ayes: 4
Nays: 0**

Motion carried.

5. 2025 Fee Schedule

Motion made by Council Member Janish to Approve 2025 Fee Schedule. Seconded by Council Member Nelson.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

7. Update on city changing banks.

Council was informed that American Heritage Bank representatives would be present at the 02/03/25 regularly scheduled council meeting to give a presentation and answer any questions from the council.

Public participation: Is there any information on un-licensed vehicles? Staff will look into this to see what code says.

Council Report: Nothing at this time

Sewer Authority Report: Council Member Nelson reports that an offer of \$50.00 per hour for during the time the city (Clear Lake) was without staff in public works. There were a total of nine (9) weekend that were covered at eight (8) hours per weekend. (\$3,600.00)

Motion made by Council Member Nelson to pay the Sewer Authority for nine (9) weekends at eight (8) hours per weekend. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Discussed bumping the round time from four (4) hours per day to six (6) hours for weekends. Going from eight (8) hours per weekend to twelve (12) hours per weekend. There has not been increase since 2011.

Discussion was tabled but will need a consensus to bring to the Sewer Authority.

Public Works: The mayor would like to talk about getting a generator for Hunter Lakes Bluff. The city engineer suggests looking at getting that into a budget within the next year or so or at least start getting some costs put together so it can be included in a budget. Evan Johnson, Public Works Supervisor, spoke about hiring or at least contacting professional companies regarding preventative maintenance on equipment owned by the city. Council asked that he bring his concerns to the council so they can make informed decisions. He also discussed how he is working to become familiar with the city and equipment.

Community Development: Council Member Miller is going to start featuring local business on the Facebook page.

Clerk: Clerk would like permission to advertise and sell miscellaneous items owned by the city.

Motion made by Council Member Miller to advertise and sell miscellaneous items owned by the City of Clear Lake. Seconded by Council Member Janish.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

The contract with Waste Management has expired and the city can get the same service at a better rate with Republic Services saving the city approximately \$130.00 per month.

Motion made by Council Member Janish to switch from Waste Management to Republic Services. Seconded by Council Member Miller.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

On-Site Computers INC.: City Clerk spoke briefly on the proposal presented to the Council. On-Site will make a presentation via telephone 02/03/2025 at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

Old business: Nothing at this time.

Adjourn.

Council Member Nelson motions to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Janish.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

