

CALLAWAY CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2025 – 6pm
Callaway City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Stalboerger, Council Members: Emily Annette, Julie Molacek, Dirk Johnson, and Angela Soyring

ABSENT:

Employees: PWD Dillon, Clerk Dillon, PC Korb, FC Heinlein

Guests: Margaret Rousu – White Earth Land Recovery Project

Mayor Stalboerger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Waived the order of business to receive guest, Margaret Rousu with White Earth Land Recovery Project, she shared the following with the council.

- White Earth Land Recovery Project is interested in purchasing the old school playground from the city.
- There are energy assessment grants available to be used for any city building.
- White Earth Land Recovery Project is proposing to install a high tunnel at the community garden location. This would extend the growing season for produce.
- Rousu stated that the wind turbine is not producing enough electricity and needs repairs as it turns freely and is noisy. They are considering shutting it down.

Motion Soyring, second Johnson to approve February Minutes, Bills and Committed Monies as presented. Motion carried. (4-0)

Liquor:

- No report available

Fire:

- The pump seal on the Ford grass rig needs to be rebuilt. Hopefully, fixed this week.
- The banquet went well, no firm numbers at this time.
- Discussion of fire department stipends

New Fire Hall:

- Project nearing completion, still dealing with fire wall and door issues.

Police:

- Police Chief's report reviewed.
- We will be doing a body camera audit this year, at a cost of about \$700.00 (Budgeted item)
- Discussion of campfires in yards. Fire pit must not exceed 3x3x3 per ordinance.
- Letters will be sent out this spring for yard cleanups, especially inoperable vehicles. All residents to be treated the same.

Public Works:

- White Earth Housing will not be placing any homes on the old ballfield on the West side of Hwy 59.
- A MPCA inspection was conducted on the wastewater facilities. The city passed, there were a few areas to correct, all corrections have been made.
- Council decided not to pursue another energy audit since we have had one from Otter Tail Power in the last two years.

Motion Annette, second Johnson to approve Land Use Permit for 607 Main Ave, installing a 30 x 70 high tunnel for a community garden. Motion carried. (5-0)

Motion Molacek, second Soyring to offer the old school playground to White Earth Land Recovery Project for \$1.00 and the cost of any transfer fees; with the following stipulation: that the wind turbine is disassembled and disposed of before signing agreements. Motion carried. (5-0)

Clerk:

- Discussion of succession planning
- A new utility online payment app is now up and running on our website; there is a significant savings with the new user fee.

Motion Johnson, second Molacek to approve a Full Classification, Compensation Study and Job Descriptions to be completed by David Drown and Associates at a cost of \$2,500. Motion carried. (5-0)

Motion Annette, second Soyring to adjourn 7:48pm. Motion carried. (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly L Dillon - Clerk/Treasurer