

**Minutes
Avon City Council
April 1, 2024**

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Jeff Manthe – Mayor, Katie Reiling, Doug Schaefer, Mark Schulzetenberge, Aaron Goebel - City Councilors
Justin Kurtz – Water Wastewater Foreman, Chuck Pelkey – Public Works Foreman, Corey Nellis – Police Chief
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk-Administrator

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was opened at 6:00 pm.

LOCAL BOARD OF APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION

Deb Haus and Kathy Korte of the County Assessor's Office were present. City of Avon had 24 qualified sales (typical buyer/typical seller) in 2023. Each property is looked at every five years. Residential property values went up around 2.5% and commercial went up around 5%. Storage units saw an increase of around 5-7% and apartments increased around 10-12%. Income qualified, homesteaded homes may be eligible for property tax refund through the MN Department of Revenue. New maps will be created and available this fall. There was one appeal for Leanne Renneker and Derek Teske at 219 Woolgrass Ave (42.26310.0833) value from \$309,800 to \$458,900. This due to the property originally being listed as under construction. Haus explained that she has spoken to the property owner and they do understand and accept the increase.

Motion Reiling to approve the increase in valuation on 219 Woolgrass Ave (42.26310.0833) value from \$309,800 to \$458,900

Second Manthe

Passed unanimously

Motion Schaefer to close the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting at 6:35

Second Goebel

Passed unanimously

Janelle Kendall, Stearns County Attorney

Kendall gave a Criminal Activity Presentation for 2023. Full reports are on file in the city clerk's office for viewing.

Public Forum – Rick Podratz (104 Winden Way) explained that balls are coming into their yard and requested the city establish fencing at basketball court at Avon Estates. Council will refer this issue to the parks board to look at fencing, plantings, grading or other ways of preventing balls from leaving the court / park area.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of March 4th 2024
2. Receive Fire Department Minutes of February 26th, 2024
3. Receive Fire Board Minutes of February 29th, 2024
4. Receive Planning Commission Minutes of March 19, 2024
5. Paid Check Register, Manual Claims, Capital Expenditures, Payroll Deposits
6. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees
7. Resolution 2024-11 Authorizing Transfer of 2023 General Prop Tax Revenues to Capital Improvement Fund 550
8. Resolution 2024-12 Authorizing Transfer of 2024 General Prop Tax Revenues to Capital Improvement Fund 550
9. Resolution 2024-13 Establishing Petty Cash Fund and Authorizing Deposit
10. Resolution 2024-14 Authorizing Document Signers for Sale of L5 B1 and L2 B1 Serenity Village
11. Gambling Permit – Avon Fire Relief Association
12. W.Gohman Pay App #3L \$3,699
13. W.Gohman Pay App #1M (Materials) \$271,027
14. Receive W. Gohman contingency Report

Motion Goebel to approve consent agenda as presented

Second Schaefer

Motion carried unanimously

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Greta Shofner – Presented her Eagle Scout Project and requested approval for placement of a bench in the Wobegon Park. Council directed Miss Shofner to meet with the Parks Board.

Avon Lakers, Jeff Lange presented a preliminary bleacher improvement design. More information will be brought to the next meeting.

Jeremy Mathiasen, Stantec – Provided an engineering update and notified the council that the city has received the LRIP grant of \$1,490,000 for 1st Street SE, Barracuda Ave SE, Char Ave SE, and Dolphin Ave NE project. The grant will not cover 100% of the project so there will still be a need for additional financing as well as some assessments. Design phase will begin shortly. Public hearings will then be held. Plans are to bid the project this fall for spring 2025 construction.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Administration

Avon Lions - Outdoor Event Permit (Spunk Days – *note times of event 8 - 1:30 am)

Motion Schulzetenberge to approve Outdoor Event Permit for Spunk Days as presented

Second Schaefer

Motion carried unanimously

Austing-Traut noted meeting time change for the May 6th meeting which will begin at 6:00 pm with the audit presentation.

Public Works

Kurtz and Pelkey presented their reports. Pelkey requested approval for asphalt maintenance and repairs. He presented a quote for thermal bond infrared type patching by ACI Asphalt & Concrete for \$17,434.00 and a quote from Hanson Paving for \$14,150 for more of a mill/overlay.

Motion Goebel to authorize \$14,150 to Hanson Paving for street patching and repairs

Second Reiling

Motion carried unanimously

Pelkey also presented quotes for street sweeping \$7,000 by Lange Trenching or Astech quoting on a per hour basis which would require the city to dispose of the material or would charge \$130 per hour for a dump truck and \$80/hour for a laborer.

Motion Schaefer to authorize Lange Trenching for Street Sweeping at \$7,000

Second Goebel

Motion carried unanimously

Police Department

Written report presented. Chief also requested approval of amendment to Policy SMP-C: Police Pursuit Procedures and Emergency Operation of Police Vehicles

Motion Manthe to approve amendment to Policy SMP-C: Police Pursuit Procedures and Emergency Operation of Police Vehicles as presented

Second Schulzetenberge

Motion carried unanimously

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Mayor Manthe congratulated the boys and girls basketball teams for representing our community so well. They made Avon and Albany proud. Chief Nellis was thanked for his coaching as well. Mayor Manthe also noted that Bev Nathe passed away. Mayor Manthe thanked her for tirelessly serving the community for many years.

Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut - City Clerk/Administrator