

**MEETING OF THE PEQUOT LAKES CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
PEQUOT LAKES CITY HALL**

Members Present: Mayor Gardner, Council Members Ronning, Clement, Pederson, and Larson.

Members Absent: Junior Council Member Rothwell

Staff Present: Angie Duus, City Administrator (Remote); Emily Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer (Remote); Traci Pederson, Zoning Administrator; Julie Meister, Administrative Assistant; Nick Roy, Public Works Supervisor; Andy Schwartz, Water/Wastewater Operations Manager; Mike Davis, Police Chief

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Gardner called the meeting of the Pequot Lakes City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Consider Agenda

Mayor Gardner requests to add to other business the resignation of Junior Council Member Samson Rothwell.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
- 3.2. PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 3.3. FINANCIAL REPORT
- 3.4. LIBRARY REPORT
- 3.5. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS
- 3.6. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MINUTES
- 3.7. LIQUOR AND TOBACCO LICENSE RENEWALS
- 3.8. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

COUNCIL MEMBER CLEMENT MOVES TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, COUNCIL MEMBER LARSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

4. Open Forum

5. Presentations

6. Boards and Commissions

6.1 Park Commission

Nancy Adams gives the updates of the Park Commission. She says Keith Simar has completed the tree study in Sibley Lake Park. She says the concern with the trees is they are growing too close together. They are going to work on finding volunteers to work on going down the hill to thin out the trees. Keith will supervise

this. They believe they need welcome signs on both the North and South sides of the park as stairs on the South side. Ms. Adams states they will seek bids for those items and bring them to the Council.

Ms. Adams says the Park Board has concerns with holiday lighting and is hoping to expand the display and replace ineffective lights by raising funds. She says Community Action is still willing to give a \$2,500 match donation.

Many thanks to Public Works for the outstanding work on the community garden. She says if you haven't driven past the area, you should, that it is stellar.

The Park Board continues to be hopeful that the DNR Grant monies and construction of the picnic shelter and bathrooms will still happen this year.

Ms. Adams says they would like the Council to check out the new Paul Park sign that was donated.

Splash Pad cannons have arrived, unfortunately, they sent the wrong parts. Ms. Adams says currently there is not an update on the timeline.

Ms. Adams updates the Council on the two Tree Study Grants. The first grant was worth \$24,000 and the second was \$25,000. The tree study will come out of the \$24,000 grant. The \$25,000 grant has a few more specifics and requirements, including planting new trees and removal of dead ones, as well as hiring outside vendors for the work.

Council Member Ronning says he agrees with Ms. Adams that the community garden looks fantastic. Discussion ensues regarding the placement of steps on the South path to the fishing pier.

6.1.A Minnesota State Flag Version

Ms. Adams states the Park Board voted unanimously to display the City of Pequot Lakes flag in place of the new Minnesota State Flag.

Council Member Ronning asks Ms. Adams if this proposal means that the Minnesota State Flag will not be flown at all. Ms. Adams states the way the display was built doesn't allow for the addition of flag poles, so yes, that is what was voted on. Discussion ensues regarding the possible placement of both the Minnesota State Flag and the City of Pequot Lakes Flag. Council Member Ronning also mentions the consideration of making a double flagpole with both the new and older versions of the Minnesota State Flag. Discussion ensues regarding the possibilities of the placement of both the new and older versions of the Minnesota State Flag, as well as the City of Pequot Lakes flag. There is a consensus to bring this topic back to the Park Board and have further discussion on the placement of the official city flag and the potential to place it at City Hall.

6.2 Economic Development Commission