



Members present: Mayor Dave Brown, Councilwoman Tena Williams, Councilwoman Debbie Manwaring, Councilwoman Marsha Martin, Councilwoman Denise Schroedl

Staff present: Randy Ball: Public Works, Christina Bartlett: Clerk/Treasurer

Visitors: Terrance Stevenson: Merrick, Vicki Buchert, Brad Dorendorf: Clearwater Highway District, Larry Schwartz: Clearwater Highway District, Don Gardner: Clearwater County Emergency Management, JW Ingraham: Elk River Fire Chief, Steve Piper. *The teleconference system said that there was 1 caller on the line but they did not identify themselves when asked by the Mayor.

1. Call to order
 - Mayor Dave called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - Was said.
3. Approve minutes: January 15, 2025
 - Councilwoman Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting. Councilwoman Schroedl 2nd. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Williams – aye, Councilwoman Manwaring – aye, Councilwoman Martin – aye, Councilwoman Schroedl – aye. **Motion Carried.**
4. Financial Report
 - Councilwoman Manwaring made a motion to accept the financial report. Councilwoman Martin 2nd. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Williams – aye, Councilwoman Manwaring – aye, Councilwoman Martin – aye, Councilwoman Schroedl – aye. **Motion Carried.**
 - a. Pay bills
 - Councilwoman Williams made a motion to pay the bills. Councilwoman Manwaring 2nd. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Manwaring – aye, Councilwoman Martin – aye, Councilwoman Schroedl – aye. **Motion Carried.**
5. **Visitors:**
 - Unplowed Forest Service road
 - Vicki Buchert voiced her concern about the portion of Landing and Elk Creek Lane that the Forest Service owns not being plowed this winter. The extra time it takes to go around the back side for 1st responders and the senior residents that live on Landing Road is not acceptable.
 - Monty Haskett said that the road has been plowed for a long time so why can't they keep doing it.
 - Steve Piper said he hopes the City is not washing their hands of the situation.
 - Randy Ball stated that it is not about the money, the Forest Service has it designated as a recreational road.
 - Mayor Dave stated that the Forest Service is worried about damage being sustained to the bridge during plowing with the liability and costs associated with that.
 - Steve Piper stated that Buddy Carroll, USFS, told him to work it out. He doesn't care if it gets plowed. He did not say anything about the bridge concerns. Buddy said it's a designated snow trail system.
 - Mayor Dave said that he will call Buddy to arrange a sit down with him about this.
 - Deb Manwaring said that there are several emergency responders that live on Elk

Creek Lane.

- Steve Piper told Mayor Dave to ask Buddy about the “Schedule A Agreement” with the County.
- Larry Schwartz and Brad Dorendorf went over the side of the Clearwater Highway District (CHD) regarding the plowing of the road because they have been the ones plowing it before they were told to stop this year. Buddy had been contacted regarding the potholes and condition of the road which lead him into looking into the road. Buddy told them it is also those above him saying don’t have the road plowed. Brad cannot plow the road until he has a letter from the USFS allowing him to do so and that the CHD won’t be held liable for any damages. The CHD will create proper turn around’s on either end of the road this year. The CHD has secured funding to replace the culverts at Partridge Creek this year.
- People calling the USFS all the time could result in making this situation worse with them.

6. Reports

- a. Clerk
 - Christina went over the Clerk report.
- b. Public Works
 - Randy went over the Public Works report.
- c. Mayor
 - Normal taking in water tests and deposits. He went to two County Commissioner meetings to work out the Solid Waste Agreement and it has been approved and signed by both entities. He also attended a CCED meeting.
- d. Council
 - Councilwoman Williams relayed the Groomer’s Association gratitude for the donation. She is ordering a sign to go on Taft and Front Street to let everyone know that Larch is burned off in the winter. She started a petition for getting an ITD camera between Elk River and Bovill.
- e. Fire Department
 - JW Ingraham reported that the Elk River Fire Department Auction is April 26th. They are looking at purchasing another piece of extraction equipment with the money raised. The Fire Department is purchasing an enclosed trailer. They conduct training every month. There are 18 members of the Fire Department.
- f. Clearwater Highway District
 - None.
- g. Ambulance
 - None.

Council Business Items

- 7. Clearwater County All-Hazard plan update, Don Gardner
 - Don Gardner went over the current section for Elk River in the Clearwater County’s All Hazard Plan. He will be back in April to discuss what the City has changed.
- 8. Wastewater Facilities Project possible update
 - Terrance gave an update on the project. Phase I is about wrapped up. The City is 3rd in the Community Development Block Grant application rankings. The City should be funded. USDA is waiting to see what their available funding is.
- 9. Approve purchase of truck hoist
 - Councilwoman Williams made a motion to purchase a truck hoist at a cost up to \$2,500. Councilwoman Schroedl 2nd. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Williams – aye,

Councilwoman Manwaring – aye, Councilwoman Martin – aye, Councilwoman Schroedl – aye. **Motion Carried.**

10. Approve purchase of Public Works vehicle

- Councilwoman Williams made a motion to purchase a Public Works vehicle at a cost up to \$10,000. Councilwoman Schroedl 2nd. Roll call vote: Councilwoman Williams – aye, Councilwoman Manwaring – aye, Councilwoman Martin – aye, Councilwoman Schroedl – aye. **Motion Carried.**

11. Residents solid waste fee possible update

- See “Mayor’s report” above.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.