

**MINUTES of the Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Rutledge in the County of Pine and the State of Minnesota including all accounts audited by said Council.**

**10.1.25**

Meeting called to order at 5:03 by Mayor Kiminski, all members present except Angie Eckermann, also present is Bruce Bohaty.

Motion to accept minutes as read by Darryl Herzog, 2nd by Tim Johnsen. All approved.

Treasurers report: \$188,467.36 in all accounts with the general fund having \$167,955.75

Motion to accept treasurers report as read by Tim Johnsen, 2nd by Darryl Herzog.

Bruce- voting will be held next month on the referendum for Willow River School District. Bruce is with the school board, asking the council if we have questions about the referendum. \$300,000.00 per year for 10 years, with rights of the board to extend for another 10 years. It covers 5% of the budget. Transportation, technology and curriculum is where it would have to be spent. Funds would not be allowed to be spent in any other area's. Dept of ed gives a school x number of dollars to be spent in specific areas. They know the transportation fund will need help due to the state cutting special ed transportation. Currently kids are on the bus up to 1.5 hours. Curriculum- every 5 years it is reviewed at the state level, state makes changes and schools have to update to meet the changes. The curriculum includes that online portion, not just books. Technology everyone has chromebooks including elementary students. Supporting the chromebooks and the behind the scenes equipment and security also needs to be kept up. School is not in trouble financially currently. The budget is watched and spending is kept on track. Willow is not in a favorable position for mca testing, special ed students make up 25% of the student body and their scores are counted. Trying to be proactive in the financial situation of the school. Looking at the state budget cuts, funding for the schools will be cut.

Motion to pay bills by Tim Johnsen, 2nd by Darryl Herzog. All approved.

Couri and Ruppe seminar is 10/11- the door will need to be unlocked at 7am.

7381 County Hwy 61 has been sold.

Discussion of possibly needing an ordinance for farm animals within the city proper.

Motion to adjourn. By Tim Johnsen, 2nd by Darryl Herzog.

Attest:

*Lynnette Hischer*, Clerk