



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021
4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Jo Emerson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The clerk took roll call attendance for Councilmembers Doug Biehn, Kevin Edberg, Dan Jones and Bill Walsh. Councilmember Engstran was excused. Staff in attendance were City Manager Lindy Crawford, Assistant City Manager Rick Juba and City Clerk Kara Coustry.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS

Assistant City Manager Rick reported that the MN Attorney General's Office was a participant in two nationwide settlement agreements against opioid distributors and manufacturers, for which the City qualifies to receive a portion of settlement funds.

Mr. Juba explained that the City has already registered to participate in the National Opioid Settlement, however, this process is not complete until its governing body passes a resolution authorizing participation in National Opioid Settlements. Additionally, an authorized representative of the City is required to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Local Governments, the Distributor Settlement Agreement, and a Settlement Agreement with Johnson & Johnson, by no later than January 2, 2022.

In response to Councilmember Edberg, Mr. Juba explained that it has not yet been determined how resulting funds would be distributed. Councilmember Edberg asked that Council review staff recommendations for use of the funds when that time comes.

It was moved by Councilmember **Walsh** seconded by Councilmember **Edberg**, to adopt **Resolution No. 129XX** approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Minnesota and Local Governments and authorizing participation in National Opioid Settlements.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, it was moved by Councilmember **Biehn** seconded by Councilmember **Jones** to adjourn the regular meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Jo Emerson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kara Coustry, City Clerk