

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- OCTOBER 7, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Ozark, Nistler, Koski, and Carr. Council member Austin was absent. DPW Skubinna was in attendance. Candy Lagerquist, Madelyn House, Devin & Breana Rasmusan, and John Bach from Interstate Engineering were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for October 7, 2024 in the amount of \$187,207.40 the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$780.85, and the minutes of the September 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

The city did not receive any bids for the 1992 Oshkosh Snow Blower. There was discussion on the minimum bid amount. They council mentioned putting this on the next agenda to go out for bid again. City Clerk Amundson explained since the council has already declared the snow blower surplus property, they can now just sell it outright if there is an interested party. City Attorney Pekovitch agreed.

Council member Ozark made a motion to approve the June, July, and August 2024 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion approving the write off of two (2) water bills totaling \$131.74. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to remove Alicia Frueh from all city bank accounts and adding Hillary Buechler. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion to approve the updated Deputy Clerk Job Description. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr made a motion to move Hillary Buechler from a part-time employee to a full-time employee. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to move Sergeant Dick from a 9-3 to a 9-6 on the wage matrix effective September 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna explained the reason for the amendment to the Great West contract. Section 10 of the drafted SWIF plan will be expanded to identify deficiencies and develop cost estimates for levee improvements that will be required to receive Levee Accreditation from FEMA. Also, tables 19 and 20 in the SWIF will be expanded to identify the current deficiencies and include recommended costs so the city will be able to implement these with other projects listed in the SWIF. Council member Nistler made a motion approving the amendment to the Great West contract to update the SWIF plan and not exceed \$4,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion appointing Amanda James to the Housing Authority Board for a five (5) year term effective October 8, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

John Bach from Interstate Engineering was in attendance and updated the council on the bathhouse bid. He mentioned there were two (2) interested parties Corland Construction and Heritage Construction. Corland was the only one to turn in a bid in the amount of \$954,080.00. He is recommending that Corland Construction be awarded the bathhouse bid. Council member Ozark made a motion to award the bathhouse bid to Corland Construction in the amount of \$954,080.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report –DPW Skubinna said the draft of the SWIF plan is almost ready to be sent to the Corps.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, grant or cemetery. An ordinance committee meeting will be set soon.

Department Head Reports:

City Attorney Pekovitch said she will be in town on Thursday and will meet with Code Compliance Officer Dees, the Police Department, and DPW Skubinna.

There was no mayor's report.

Public Comment: Madelyn House was in attendance and said that there will be a meeting at noon at the Cottonwood to discuss the downtown trees. She would like the city to form a tree committee so we could become a Tree City USA. She also asked when the skate park can be open. Mayor Karst said that DPW Skubinna will need to sign off on the completed project before the city can accept it. There are resolutions that will need to be passed at the next council meeting, and as soon as DPW Skubinna signs off on the skate park; MMIA will be contacted for insurance.

Candy Lagerquist wanted to know if there was an update on the parallel parking on the other side of 2nd Avenue South. She said she had talked with Jory and it would be approximately \$2,500.00 for the striping. Currently, there is no update. Madelyn also suggested having a center stripe down 2nd Avenue South.

There was also discussion on closing Bonnie and Aberdeen for Halloween. Mayor Karst also said that Heather Lane may be a possibility to close off also, but a plan will have to be brought to the city council. This will be on the next agenda for discussion and approval.

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor