

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- DECEMBER 6, 2021

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Ozark, Nistler, Karst, and Heitman. Council members Koski and Carr were absent. Captain Edwards, DPW Kompel, and City Attorney Sullivan were in attendance. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. The media was represented by Chris McDaniel from the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: Captain Edwards stated the Polar Plunge went well. There were about 30 participants and they raised around \$11,000.00; there are also additional donations that will be coming in.

Council member Nistler made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for December 6, 2021 in the amount of \$70,748.54, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,202.12, and the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst made a motion to approve the October 2021 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Heitman made a motion approving the advertisement of the upcoming vacant council seat in Ward III. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark, and carried unanimously.

Council member Ozark made a motion approving the quote from DY-Handyman, Inc for the maintenance at the Valley Court Apartments in the amount of \$400.00 per month and directed City Attorney Sullivan to write a 6 month contract. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst made a motion to hire Rod Dees for the Code Compliance Officer position. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

There was discussion on the invoice that was paid to Interstate Engineering for preparing and submitting the ARPA application to apply for funding for the new swim pool. City Attorney Sullivan mentioned since there was no authorization from the City Council to apply for this funding, the city shouldn't be liable for the costs and should be paid out of the pool fund or the recreation department budget. Council member Karst said that he had talked with DPW Kompel and he said the ARPA money could be used for these services. DPW Kompel said that since DNRC has come out with strict regulations on this money, it can't be used for engineering services to apply for funding. Council member Ozark said the city should pay for the invoice this time since we've been lax on setting money aside over the past years. Council member Ozark made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$3,260 out of the general fund and any additional costs for applying for funding need to be presented to the council by the committee for approval. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- Levee Safety Committee Report – No Report
- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report.

Mayor Erickson mentioned she has been in contact with Richard Lomack and they are hoping to have the environmental review for the Armory completed by the end of this month. She said there is about \$5,000.00 left from a grant we received that she would like to use to upgrade and replace some of the downtown pots and trees. She also would like to have an acknowledgment of David George's years of service on the next agenda.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Ordinance, Water, or Cemetery. Captain Edwards said the police department has been awarded the Vision Zero Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Council member Ozark told Captain Edwards that he had received a compliment on Officer Dick.

Department Head Reports:

Captain Edwards mentioned they are still trying to fill the other open officer position and business has been down.

City Attorney Sullivan stated she's been working on some criminal cases, minors with DUI cases, and a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County for law enforcement.

City Clerk Amundson said the audit is this week and she's also been working on wage scenarios for the upcoming fiscal year for the Wage Comp Committee to review.

DPW Kompel told the council that he has been working with the new water/sewer operator that is in training and he should be ready to run the plant by himself by the first of the year. Also, TJ has passed his first certification test to start the process of becoming a full operator. He's been working on updating our subdivision regulations. There is still no report from the Corps on the levee inspection.

Public Comment: None

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor