

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JANUARY 3, 2022

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Nistler, Koski, Carr, and Heitman. Council member Ozark was absent. Chief Weber, DPW Kompel, Compliance Officer Dees, City Attorney Sullivan, City Judge Morehouse-Mix, and Assistant City Clerk Frueh. Brian Austin was also in attendance. 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 January 3, 2022 in the amount of \$122,771.77, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,137.45, and the minutes of the December 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the November 2021 Financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Council member Koski made a motion to reappoint Tasha Morehouse-Mix for the City Judge position for a four (4) year term. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst performed the Oath of Office for City Judge Morehouse-Mix.

Mayor Karst stated last week four (4) interviews were conducted to fill the vacant council seat. The interview committee has recommended Brian Austin to fill the vacancy. Council member Nistler made a motion to appoint Brian Austin to fill the remaining term of Rod Karst until December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst performed the Oath of Office for Brian Austin.

Mayor Karst mentioned that the Council President has been given to the member with the most experience and believes it should be a vote of the council. Incoming Council member Austin made a motion to vote for the Council President. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously. Council member Heitman nominated Council member Ozark for the Council President position. The nomination was seconded by Council member Koski. Council member Carr nominated Council member Koski, she declined. Council members Heitman, Nistler, and Koski voted for; Council member Carr voted against. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – No Report

-Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – DPW Kompel told the council that two walk throughs will be done this week and we should have more of a report at the next council meeting.

Mayor Karst will be working on committee assignments to put members where they would be most productive and bringing in some residents within the city limits to become more involved.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, Grant, or Cemetery. There was no new information for the recreational marijuana laws, but Captain Edwards did tell Mayor Karst that the Police Department is treating it like a DUI. Chief Weber stated there are certain sobriety tests that can be done. It was stated that there is a new marijuana business going in the old Chappel's building where they will be both growing and selling it. The council will have to make a decision by June of 2023 if they will allow a store front within the city limits.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Kompel reviewed the memo he passed out. He said he has met with Fish, Wildlife, and Parks about home run pond. They are looking at applying for funding to redo the path around it, by redoing the subgrade under it and a major rehab, so it's just not an overlay that will keep cracking. He's been working on draft subdivision regulations to go to City Attorney Sullivan for her review.

Code Compliance Officer Dees told the council that he's been out with Chief Weber a few times and trying to get downtown parking taken care of. He's working on weekly safety meeting packets, reviewing city ordinances and building codes to familiarize himself with it and will be working on obtaining his license for residential building codes.

Chief Weber said that he has been working with the County, City Attorney Sullivan has been working on a MOU between the Police Department and the Sheriff's office, the open officer position closed at the end of December and they have two (2) good candidates, the interview process will start on January 18th, employee evaluations are completed, and now he is working on inventory.

City Judge Morehouse-Mix said other than passing her test and is now certified, she has about 20 cases that she will be reviewing.

City Attorney Sullivan stated that there have been a lot of DUI's and MIP's and trials coming up on the 13th and 14th.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Koski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

ATTEST:

Alicia Frueh
Assistant City Clerk

Rod Karst
Mayor