

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JANUARY 19, 2021

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Young, and Karst. Council member Carr attended via conference call. Council members Ozark and Nistler were absent. Those also present were DPW Kompel, ADPW Cook, Chief Gault, and City Attorney Sullivan. City Judge Gilbert attended via conference call. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. Ben Kompel was also in attendance.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Young made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for January 19, 2021 in the amount of \$72,597.94, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,346.70, and the minutes of the January 4, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

City Judge Gilbert told the council that interviews for the City Court Clerk were held on Tuesday January 12, 2021 and she recommended hiring Jackie Hughey for this position since she passed her background check. Council member Karst made a motion to hire Jackie Hughey for the City Court Clerk position starting February 1, 2021 for 20 hours a week and a starting wage of \$14.50. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3054** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Capital Projects Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from TC Energy Foundation. Council member Young moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3054**. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; whereby **Resolution No. 3054** was unanimously adopted.

Chief Gault stated Charlotte Miller passed her background and psychological test, he is recommending her to be hired for the open Police Officer position. Council member Young made a motion to hire Charlotte Miller for the police officer position. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson said that the February Council Meetings will be Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> due to the Presidents Day Holiday.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Kompel said that he has been uploading information to the levee website and a meeting is tentatively scheduled in February.

-Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – No Updated Report

Mayor Erickson said the Hate Crimes Forum flyer is now available and posted around the community. It will be held on January 28, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The community is able to attend by phone and can accommodate up to 1000 people. A broker's opinion is being completed on the Armory Building. A Policy and Procedure's committee meeting has been set for Monday January 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Water, or Cemetery. Chief Gault talked about the application for the VOCA grant and they are applying for \$496,000.00 for a two year period. There will be an Ordinance Committee Meeting following the council meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Council member Heitman said the Fire Department is waiting on the new fire truck to arrive.

DPW Kompel told the council that the water/wastewater distribution operator started last week. He mentioned that Norval has a 2011 utility vehicle out for bid starting at \$13,500.00, and he is going to submit a bid since we have the money budgeted in both the water and sewer accounts in the amount of \$18,000.00, if awarded to the city it would replace vehicle #49 which currently has 250,000 miles on it. Also, the repair work is completed at the wastewater treatment facility.

ADPW Cook said he is going through the second part of his management training, organizing the levee paperwork, and there will be a safety meeting next week.

City Attorney Sullivan mentioned the Quiet Title for the Shulund Park property was successful and an appraisal was completed. This can be put on the next council agenda for action.

Chief Gault said that he has started working back in the office for a few hours a day and working on getting the remaining police vehicles to Glasgow.

Mayor Erickson appointed Council Member Young to replace Nanci Schoenfelder on the City Planning Board as the council representative. Nanci will stay on as a member of the general public.

City Clerk Amundson mentioned she has reached out to Beki Brandborg to see if she was still interested in the Valley Court Apartments. She is still interested and will reply back as soon as she finds out what the next steps in the transfer will be.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk Treasurer

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Rebecca Erickson  
Mayor