

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- FEBRUARY 6, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Austin, Ozark, Nistler, Koski, Heitman, and Carr. Also present were Chief Weber, DPW Skubinna, Code Compliance Officer Dees, City Judge Morehouse-Mix, and Grant Writer Ryan. Kaden Bedwell from Interstate Engineering was also present. City Grant Writer Beyers arrived at 5:34 p.m. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney Pekovitch attended via Google meets. There was no media representation.

Council member Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: There was no Public Comment.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for February 6, 2023 in the amount of \$131,053.85 the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$1,756.30, and the minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Council member Austin made a motion approving the November and December 2022 financials. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna said the next quarterly meeting will be in March 2023. The letter to the Corps will be mailed this week and he met with Senator Tester’s office about funding possibilities for the levee.

There was no Mayor’s Report.

Committee Reports: There was no report for Cemetery. A Personnel Committee Meeting will be held after the council meeting. A water committee meeting has been set for Monday February 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Grant Writer Ryan mentioned the VOCA grant has been submitted and is working on additional grant applications. Mayor Karst mentioned we are waiting on updates for the nuisance and recreational marijuana ordinances from the City Attorney.

Department Head Reports:

City Judge Morehouse-Mix mentioned the courts have been busy.

Chief Weber said he has some applications for the open police officer positions and is looking at starting the hiring process the 1<sup>st</sup> week in March. He also been addressing some internal issues.

Code Compliance Officer Dees stated that there will be a variance meeting on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. He has been reviewing the International Residential Code book and had contacted the Department of Labor to see what certificates he will need to acquire for residential building inspections. There are still 2 apartments that need renovations completed. He has also been working on digitizing permits. He also talked about the recycling business that John Brittan would like to do and the issues with the Anderson house.

DPW Skubinna talked about the lead and copper inventory. There were repairs on the HVAC at the Lagoon. He also mentioned that the grant application for home run pond upgrades has been submitted to Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in the amount of \$75,000.00.

City Clerk Amundson told the council that she completed the water cash flow information for DPW Skubinna and emailed him that information. She will start working on the sewer one. She let the council know that the library property purchase was finalized. She also told Code Compliance Officer Dees that before throwing out any forms in the public works office, she will get him information for records retention from the Secretary of States website.

City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned she has the lien ready to go for the Campbell Lodge for the TBID amount owed to the city. The police department has been keeping her busy.

City Grant Writer Beyers updated the council on the meeting she had with Brianna at GNDC on transferring the non-competitive grant documents to her.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk - Treasurer

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Rod Karst  
Mayor