

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Koski, Heitman, Austin, Ozark, and Nistler. Council member Carr was absent. Also present were Chief Weber, Captain Edwards, and Street Foreman Runningen. Candy Lagerquist, Mike Brown, Tess Fahlgren, and Randon Stormer were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson and City Attorney O'Brien 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 February 20, 2024 in the amount of \$87,030.56, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$3,706.15, and the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3156** – A Resolution Determining the Salaries and Compensation of Union Employees; for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and Revoking Resolution in Conflict Herewith; and Establishing an Effective Date for Salaries and Compensation. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3156**. The motion was seconded by Council member Ozark; whereby **Resolution No. 3156** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst updated the council on the meeting that was held with Nemont. He said that the basic plan is \$30.00 per month with 1 gig of data included; going with this plan will save the city approximately \$125.00 per month in phone charges. Council member Austin made a motion to move to the basic plan with Nemont for \$30.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Karst said that he suggesting tabling the decision on the replacement of the street shop roof and the three (3) entry way doors. There was discussion at the department head meeting on Friday of possibly going with a pitched roof instead of a flat one. He wanted to have a further discussion with the Director of Public Works. Mike Brown was in attendance he stated that if a pitched roof was going to be an option, the cost of replacement would be about 2-3 times the cost of replacing the current roof. The street shop currently has a tar roof and replacing it with a membrane roof would cost around \$30,000.00 and would last around 30 years or longer. Mayor Karst said that this project could wait until closer to the end of the fiscal year to see where the funds can be paid from. Council member Koski moved to table this discussion for a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Karst said the monthly meeting will be held next week and the quarterly meeting is going to be moved to May. The city was also awarded a CDBG grant to update the SWIF plan.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for water, cemetery, ordinance, or grant. A personnel committee meeting will be held following this council meeting. A personnel committee meeting will need to be scheduled.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said that his department has been busy. Officer Vines is working by herself since has previous law enforcement experience. Officer Williams is doing well through his training. He has also been working on personnel evaluations.

Street Foreman Runningen said they have been moving snow and sanding when needed. He will be going to Great Falls tomorrow to pick up patching materials to start filling pot holes.

Mayor Karst gave DPW Skubinna's report. The preconstruction meeting for the transmission main project was held last week. The replacement pipe should be here the first week of March. He attended the grant start up meeting for the CDBG grant that the city was awarded. Also, the Hall Terrace/Hurley Drive project is in the design phase.

Mayor's Report – Weather permitting, Corland Construction is supposed to start demolition of the bathhouse and the swimming pool around March 11th.

Public Comment: Tess Fahlgren was in attendance to update the council on the skate park funding. She also said that construction could start in September of this year. Mayor Karst said that he has received the information requested from the skate park committee and has given copies to the council. A work session will be scheduled for the council to review all of the information and discuss with the skate park committee if any changes should be made.

Council member Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor