

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- NOVEMBER 1, 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, Koski, Heitman, and Carr. Chief Weber, Captain Edwards, Recreation Director Casterline, Jewel Etherington, and City Attorney Sullivan were in attendance. City Clerk Amundson attended via Google Meets. Those also present were Scott Campbell, Taylor Zerbe, Brenner Flaten, Brad Jenson, Jessica Campbell, Ann Kulczyk, Maggan Walstad, Sam Waters, Jeannie Rosseland, Matt Knierim, and John Bach from Interstate Engineering. There was no media representation.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: NONE

Council member Carr made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for November 1, 2021 in the amount of \$83,515.96, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$2,179.16, and the minutes of the October 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst made a motion to hire Scott Campbell for the open Police Officer position. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson performed the Oath of Office for Scott Campbell.

Mayor Erickson referred to City Clerk Amundson for the number of winter laborers the public works department is requesting. She told the council that they would like approval for up to five (5), it will all depend on the type of winter we have. Council member Nistler made a motion to approve hiring up to five (5) winter laborers if needed. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Brenner Flaten from the Glasgow Schools was in attendance to ask the council to consider donating the upright caged storage units from the Armory building. Council member Koski made a motion to donate all seven (7) of the storage units to the Glasgow School. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman. Council member Carr suggested the police department keep one (1) of the storage units just in case they could be used elsewhere. Mayor Erickson inquired with Chief Weber if the police department has any use for the storage units. Officer Weber stated he would like to see all seven (7) donated to the school. Motion carried.

Mayor Erickson mentioned she received a Contractor application for the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program and would like to see the city participate in it. This would assist in keeping our delinquency on water and sewer bills lower. This program runs from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. Council member Carr made a motion to complete the contractor application for assistance. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Taylor Zerbe from the pool committee handed out to the council information regarding estimated costs and taxes for the construction of the new swim pool. Maggan Walstad mentioned they have been fundraising for three (3) years and the cost for a new pool is approximately \$3.4 million. She would like to know how the council would like to proceed forward. Matt Knierim talked about the city selling bonds to assist in funding the construction. There was also discussion on the county being involved in the process to be able to assess taxes to all of Valley County. Mayor Erickson would like John Bach from Interstate to get more accurate figures and then a meeting can be scheduled with the pool committee, council, and county commissioners. City Attorney Sullivan stated she will assemble a letter on how the property transfer would work to have the county involved.

Unfinished Business:

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

Mayor Erickson said that she has been in contact with Richard Lomack and the environmental assessment should be wrapped up within 30 to 60 days and there will be additional paperwork to be signed. She mentioned Cat will need about two (2) days of good weather to be able to complete the underpass project.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel, Ordinance, or Cemetery. Chief Weber said that Kathy has applied for additional Vision Zero money. Council member Karst told the council that a landlord had contacted him and was wondering why he's not being notified of delinquent water accounts for his tenants. City Clerk Amundson stated that when a tenant is 60 days behind a notice is mailed to both the tenant and the landlord so they are aware of the delinquency.

Mayor Erickson mentioned that the city may start looking at a contracted laborer to assist with the maintenance at Valley Court. Jaycee has decided to leave the city and Recreation Director Casterline is advertising the position.

Department Head Reports:

Chief Weber said he has met with the Sheriff's department, last week was Red Ribbon Week, and the department is working with the Drug Task Force.

City Attorney Sullivan stated she's been meeting with the Police Department.

Public Comment: None

Council member Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Stacey A. Amundson*

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City Clerk-Treasurer

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Rebecca Erickson  
Mayor