

Minutes of the regular council meeting held January 08, 2024 at 6:00pm. Present council members Rachel Vanderpool, Austin Miller, Sean Roman, Trent Adams and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, and Tanna Leonard were present as well.

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mayor Rodriguez.

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent agenda

Motion by Vanderpool and seconded by Moore to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

Public Input

Dan Mullanack presented an idea to the council to see if they would be interested in supporting a project to improve the beach by adding a marina type area with boat slips to rent to offset costs and docking access to encourage visitors by boat. Council requested that Community Development consider the project and review its feasibility. Fire Chief Anderson provided input that it would be beneficial for the construction of a marina so that the new fire boat will be able to be housed on the water similar to Davenport Fire's boat house.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked the fire department for hosting the open house with Santa at the Fire Station and the decorated fire truck cruising the streets. She reminded everyone that there was a snow emergency issued for this evening into tomorrow night. She also noted that trash would run a day behind per Republics notification. Park Board was hosting an open gym night Saturday January 13 from 5:00-7:30. Parents can sign a waiver and bring their children for an evening of sporting activities.

Project Updates Janecek

Janecek reported that Dodge Street Overlay was mostly completed except the two contingencies with asphalt pooling near the park and the finish grading near 6th Street. He recommended approving pay request number 3 for \$4,336.56.

Brus Construction was ready to move forward with the hydrant replacement in February, materials had been ordered by Public Works Director Ferkel.

Streetscape just needs an update of quantities after funding is secured and prior to submitting to IDOT. Community Development should know late January if funding is granted through the TASA funding program for Phase 1.

The remaining street overlay project is just waiting on obtaining easements from the three property owners. McCullough reported that he had sent the three letters and had only had a response from one owner and they were not in favor with the size of the easement. McCullough asked if Janecek and him could schedule a meeting with the property owners to get a better understanding of the agreement. Once all the agreements were signed, it could be put out for bid.

Monument Relocation

Dan Mullanack said that he would like to see it stay, it has been at his family's property since he can remember. The clerk said that she would send him the contact information for the monument owners.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Vanderpool to table the monument relocation. Motion carried unanimously.

Seasonal Mowing Positions

Public Works Director Ferkel requested that the mowing positions be published.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Miller to approve the posting of the seasonal mowing positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Carry Over Personal Time Kinkennon

Motion by Miller and seconded by Moore to permit Chuck Kinkennon to carry over 32 hours of personal time as permitted in the union contract with council approval. Motion carries unanimously.

Enfield Drive

Doug Anderson said that he has had his yard washing out over the years because of the road design in the front of his alley. He retrieved three bids from contractors and one even turned the project down because he said it wouldn't last. Another contractor that bid would not guarantee the work. When he asked Public Works Director about doing the project, he was told he wasn't able to build a wall that close to the street per code. Anderson said he told Ferkel it is an alley and McCullough determined that it is a street. Anderson explained that if it is a street the city needs to complete the repairs.

Motion by Vanderpool, seconded by Adams to send Enfield Drive discussion to the street committee for a resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Well #1 Rehabilitation

Public Works Director Josh Ferkel explained that after the lining was completed in the well and the test results indicated that the PFOS/PFOA levels were reduced but one was still over the drinking advisory amount. Northway Well company is the vendor that we have been utilizing for our current repairs. Their next recommendation is a well rehabilitation. The thought is that since the grouting has slowly deteriorated and has now been repaired that the well still contains PFOA/PFOS residuals. The rehabilitation would also help regain the lost yield that could create water quality issues.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Moore to move forward with the rehabilitation with Northway Well and Pump co. for \$52,300. Motion carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer Rates Increases

The clerk explained that the water and sewer rates needed to be increased, especially the water to cover all the emergency expenses that are budgeted and there is no reserve funding for. She reported that she is working with Northland Securities and Dorsey and Whitney to create a revenue bond to pay for the upgrades. These proposed rates included all priority one improvements that were approved by the City Council on October 30, 2023, totaling \$1.2 million. The increases also included the rehabilitation of well #1, just previously approved. At the same meeting priority one sewer upgrade were approved totaling \$231K.

The council asked several questions and agreed that since the funds have been either spent or dedicated that rates needed to be increased to sustain the water and sewer funds. The water increase would be \$14.79 totaling \$33.37 for the minimum and increase \$3.95 per 1,000 gallons totaling \$9.36 per 1,000. Sewer rates would increase \$3.17 for minimum totaling \$29.17 and increase \$1.14 per 1,000 gallons totaling \$6.55 per 1,000. Rates would be amended after three readings at the regular monthly meetings, tonight, February 12, and March 04, and take effect upon publication.

Resolutions

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to approve resolution 2024-01 Committee and Board Designation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vanderpool and seconded by Adams to approve resolution 2024-02 Retain Appointed Employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Moore to approve resolution 2024-03 Bank Depositories CBI Bank and Trust. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roman and seconded by Adams to approve resolution 2024-04 Bank Depositories Blue Grass Savings Bank.
Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director provided the following update in the packet:

- Removed grease trap and installed p trap at BAC, Mississippi Ink.
- Power moped BAC gym.
- Salted on 12-28-2023.
- Performed one burial.
- Flushed and tested well#1.
- Replaced two actuator valves at WTP.
- Changed oil in Public Works fleet.
- Installed Christmas decorations.
- Performed locates for fire department sewer and electric.
- Installed new solar lights on flag poles on beach.

Vanderpool asked Ferkel how many fire hydrants were to be replaced, he stated it was nine, but one was replaced, so it is eight now.

The Buffalo Police Chief provided the following report:

1. OWI 2nd
2. Warrant (2)
3. Assault on officer, Disorderly Conduct

Incident Type Number of Incidents

Accident Personal Injury – 2
Accident Property Damage – 1
Alarms – Burglary – 2
Alarms – Hold Up - 1
Animal Problem – 3
Assist Other Agencies –4
Business/Residence check – 26
Civil - 1
Disturbance – 4
Domestic Disturbance/Violence - 4
Harassment/Stalking/Threat-1
Public Service - 21
Suicidal Person – 2
Suspicious – 6
Theft (Larceny)– 3
Traffic Hazard – 3
Traffic Stop – 19
Warrant Service-1
Weapons/FireArms-2
Welfare Check – 5

Buffalo Fire Chief provided a report for the packet.

Spent 45.25-man hours responding to 32 Emergency calls in December,

- 27- EMS Calls
- 0- Structure Fire
- 0- Vehicle Fire
- 0-Grass Fire
- 1-Vehicle Accidents
- 0-Boat Rescue
- 4- Misc. Calls

388 – Total Emergency Responses for 2024

6 members spent 23-man hours doing regular crew duties. 14 members spent 2 hours decorating the Christmas fire truck.

Park Board Committee

No one present. Miller did ask Ferkel about the elevation of the band shelter and the electricity. Ferkel explained that the shelter was designed to be handicap assessable and graded to ground level to prevent the need for railing. As for the electric, when he discussed the option for electric with Brandy, she said it wasn't necessary because the electric box was adjacent to the stage. Ferkel also stated that the contractor was not aware that the roofing material needed to be sanded and stained prior to installation. They opted to just go ahead and complete this for the community for no additional charge, but that it would be completed in the spring.

Cemetery

No Updates

Finance ordinance Committee

No Updates

Community Development

No updates

Community Center

No updates

Cemetery

No Updates

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 563 to residential parking spot front Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 564 to update the floodplain ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Roman to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 565 to remove the handicap parking spaces 3rd reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Adams to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 566 to increase water rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Roman and seconded by Adams to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 567 to increase sewer rates. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to speak from the public.

Dan Mullanack addressed the council about spending money on the water system and not even knowing if these repairs will correct the issue. Then you are proposing other repairs that won't be necessary like the tower painting if we don't have water to put there. He asked if anyone has reached out to Iowa American since they have water just down the street and could connect to us. Mayor Rodriguez explained that that has been suggested to the council and they were researching alternatives for the water. The Clerk asked Attorney McCullough what the timeline process would be "if" the committee considered an alternate provider. He explained that there would need to be negotiations, state approvals, hearings, and a public election. The entire process could take up to two years.

Future Meetings

Regular Council Meeting February 12, 2024, 6:00pm

Streets Meeting January 18, 2024, 5:00pm

Finance Ordinance January 18, 2024, 5:30pm

Motion by Moore and Seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 pm



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez



City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	\$ 344.30
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	\$ 105.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	copier contract	\$ 44.13
AERO CONCRETE LTD	clark's landing curb repair	\$ 2,450.00
AFLAC	aflac	\$ 233.20
A-L-L Equipment	service call for air compressor	\$ 693.00
Altorfer Inc	flood light	\$ 338.84
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	oil filters	\$ 80.25
ASSURED PARTNERS	FD boat and trailer	\$ 1,093.00
ASSURED PARTNERS	2023 F-150	\$ 1,291.00
Bi-State Regional Commission	dues	\$ 275.50
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	\$ 15,235.20
Buffalo, City of	utilities	\$ 295.78
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	\$ 28.75
DAVENPORT PRINTING CO.	gym contracts	\$ 130.50
DNER INC	o-rings and tags	\$ 986.74
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,138.89
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 367.13
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 2,981.48
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,509.06

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FORTE CREDIT CARD	FEES FOR PROCESSING ECHCK	\$ 44.81
Grainger	1/4" male adapters for iron fi	\$ 111.97
Hempel Pipe and Supply	nipple for air scour valve	\$ 12.75
HOLLI THORNTON	return gym rental per council	\$ 60.00
IA CHILD SUPPORT Recovery Unit	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 54.81
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Iowa Workforce Development	Unemployment	\$ 84.61
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IOWA BEVERAGE	alcohol	\$ 111.60
ILLINOIS CASUALTY	BCC annual policy I199236	\$ 848.00
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	\$ 8,474.61
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JAY WILSON	evidence postage	\$ 4.89
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Boots for Chuck Kinkennon	\$ 199.99
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt for FD	\$ 15.50
MARTIN & WHITACRE	fire hydrants	\$ 2,796.50
McCullough, William	attorney fees	\$ 800.00
MEDIACOM	internet/phone	\$ 1,171.20
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	\$ 450.00
MENARDS-Davenport	batteries & snow shovels	\$ 119.72
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	toilet	\$ 425.46
MID AMERICAN	sewer	\$ 3,716.23
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Nott Company	hose for backhoe	\$ 109.41
Panther Uniforms Inc	Rich chest patch	\$ 268.19
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park	\$ 221.00
QC Analytical Services	operator	\$ 665.00
Quad City Times	proof of oct mins	\$ 807.71
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R.P. LUMBER	p trap tatto shop	\$ 146.82
Republic Services #400	garbage/recycling	\$ 7,557.30
RILCO SAFETY SUPPLY	gloves	\$ 166.00
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	\$ 30,794.19
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$ 746.21
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$ 768.71
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$ 1,514.92
Scott County Auditor	2023 election	\$ 365.76
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	computer hard drive	\$ 2,296.05
S.J. Smith Company	knee pads	\$ 25.68
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	ACH Charges	\$ 34.13
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Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAX	\$ 2,018.11
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T&R Electric	transformer	\$ 1,508.31
TC AUTO	2020 Ford rear shocks	\$ 684.88

Uniform Den	emblem for Jay	\$ 8.00
Utility Equipment Company	valve & install hydrants	\$ 61,074.24
VERIZON	phones	\$ 527.18
Visa	filter & lube for iron filter	\$ 267.95
WEX BANK	fuel	\$ 2,116.80
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase deposit refund	\$ 625.98
Accounts Payable Total		\$ 171,261.36

General Fund	\$ 49,504.24
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 2,545.65
Road Use Tax Fund	\$ 1,882.80
Water Utility Fund	\$ 68,827.65
Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 8,375.98
Electric Utility Fund	\$ 40,122.94
Storm Water Utility Fund	\$ 2.10
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 171,261.36

December Revenues

General Fund	\$ 203,899.96
Community Center	\$ 2,065.00
Road Use Tax	\$ 14,164.13
Employee Benefit	\$ 2,384.86
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 22,264.72
Community Development	\$ 5,566.18
Debt Service Fund	\$ 388.15
Water Utility Fund	\$ 13,642.49
Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 14,876.62
Electric Utility Fund	\$ 36,093.67
Storm Water Utility Fund	\$ 629.20
Total	\$ 315,974.98