

Minutes of the special council meeting held May 08,2023 at 6:00pm. Present council members Joe Buffington, Brandon Berg, Austin Miller, Ted Teel and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Police Sgt. Josh Bujalski, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, and Deputy City Clerk Judy Blessing were present as well.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent agenda

Motion by Moore and seconded by Buffington to approve the consent agenda. Carried by all.

Public Input

Olin Meador asked about possibly installing pillars when they consider the streetscape project. This way when we have a flood, we could just install flood gates between the pillars.

Dave Stickrod wanted to thank the officers for keeping the speeders down during the flood.

A Valley Heights resident said the tiles from a previous job there are coming out and water is coming up. Suggests to put tiles all the way down. It is making ruts and causing standing water. Ferkel will look into it and if requires additional costs, Ferkel will present to the city.

Mayor Rodriguez wanted to thank ALL city staff, volunteers and residents for their hard work during the flood. She wanted to thank the Emergency Management, Red Cross, HyVee, Hungry Hobo and Jimmy Johns for supplying all the food.

Scott County Library

Angie Ehlers provided information to the council about the library. \$64,000 saved by checking out books in our library. 70% up in programs, 5500 items checked out. She asked if there was anything the city would like from her or had any questions, but there were none.

Ragbrai

Tim Guizar reported that they were still waiting on sponsors but that they do need a lot of volunteers. They will be having a meeting at the Beach Pub on May 10th at 6:00 pm for more discussion.

Streetscape

Mike Janecek reported that they were still in the check plans stage. No new updates

Dodge St

Mike Janecek reported that his estimate is \$157,189.00 to work on Dodge Street, for the street, curbs, gutter from Hwy 22 to 6th street. He will get with Tanna or Judy about putting it in the paper for bids. Motion by Buffington to approve putting it out for bids for the estimate. Mike can also have an estimate for the other streets that the committee prioritized. Seconded by Berg, carried unanimously.

Cigarette Permit

Motion by Miller to approve the cigarette permit for Caseys. Seconded by Berg, carried unanimously.

Mule Bids

Mayor Rodriguez read out the sealed bids. \$300, \$1250, \$501.23, \$116. Motion by Teel to accept the bid for \$1250. Seconded by Buffington, carried unanimously.

Hiring FT Public Works Employee

Miller would like to reinterview everyone that applied for the job, minus the person who turned the job down. Teel disagrees with him. He would like for them to look into the two (2) that were picked in the top three (3). Miller would like to ask more questions to the applicants. Mr. McCullough gave them three (3) choices: 1) review the top two (2) that were left, 2) review all of the applicants, or 3) open it back up and get more applicants. Motion by Miller to interview all the applicants again, minus the person who turned down the job. Seconded by Berg. Buffington and Teel voting NO, Berg, Miller and Moore voting YES. Passes.

New Equipment for PD

Chief Behning would like to purchase the Red Dot system. This system attaches to their gun and when aimed at something, it will put a dot on it for them to aim better at. Chief Behning would like to purchase new Glocks to go with this system at the price of \$3030.24. When the police turned in their old guns, they will get \$940 back, leaving the total price at \$2090.24. Motion by Teel to approve the purchase at \$3030.24. Seconded by Miller, carried unanimously.

Chief Behning also informed the council that Continental has provided them, using ATE funds, with new vests at the price of \$2309,

Flood Clean Up

Mayor Rodriguez talked about how the city was to get rid of all the sandbags. She asked Ferkel if there was a way he would like to proceed. Ferkel said the city would get rid of all the sandbags that were touched by river water. He asked that everyone with sandbags that have been touched with river water to place them on the curb for pick up. At this time, he is going to see if Continental or Linwood had use for sandbags or had storage for them. Also look into storing them in a shipping container. Mayor Rodriguez asked for Ferkel to provide update to Tanna/Judy to post on the city website. Motion by Teel to give Ferkel permission to get rid of river-soaked sandbags at whatever cost it takes. Seconded by Buffington, carried unanimously.

Beach Pub Liquor License

Motion by Teel to approve liquor license for Beach Pub. Seconded by Miller, carried unanimously.

Park Shelter Concrete Proposal

Ferkel said he only got two (2) bids on the concrete for the shelter and only one (1) bid on the assembly of the shelter. Because the only bid on the assembly was from one of the concrete bids, they decided to have one (1) company do it all. Motion by Teel to have Cornerstone do the concrete at \$16,780.00 and assembly at \$7,000.00. Seconded by Miller, carried unanimously. Ferkel commented that it will not get done before Buffalo Days.

Discharge pumps 6" and 4" ARPA funds

We are checking with Emergency Management to see if they will purchase a pump and have us house it and use it. Ferkel commented that he feels we need to purchase one for ourselves in case someone else uses it and we need it. Ferkel stated he could use it for a back-up and Mayor Rodriguez asked if he currently has a back up, which Ferkel stated he did. Motion by Moore to table this item. Seconded by Miller, carried unanimously.

Fire Hydrants

Ferkel asked for this to be tabled because he did not have the prices he needed. Motion by Moore to table fire hydrants. Seconded by Berg, carried unanimously.

Raise for Keel

Miller stated that he feels we were willing to give a complete stranger, with no ties to Buffalo, a job for \$25 an hour; let's give someone who has ties a raise. He would like to give him more to show how much we appreciate him. Teel stated that they just gave out raises and nice ones. He agrees, he does a great job, but they get a yearly raise in July. Motion by

Miller to give Keel a .50 raise. Seconded by Berg. Buffington voting NO, Teel voting NO, Moore voting NO. Does not pass.

Drug Testing Policy

Miller is questioning the fire department about drinking on the job. He has stated that people tell him the fire department is untouchable. People are telling him that the firemen are going out on calls after drinking. He suggests that they take a breathalyzer or drug tests like public works. Mr. McCullough stated that the drug tests for public works are because of their CDL license. Miller doesn't want to trash the fire department, he was a fireman himself, but wanted to tell the council what people have been telling him. Anderson asked who was telling him these things. Miller would not answer. He said they didn't want their names out there because of the backlash from the fire department. Anderson does not believe a word he says. Miller then admitted seeing firemen drinking. Teel commented that it was probably from the 11 gang. The 11 gang is the men who quit. Mr. McCullough asked about their bi-laws and was it given to everyone? Anderson said everyone gets the bi-laws. The only drug testing they get is if someone gets hurt. Mr. McCullough suggested putting something in the Gazette stating the Fire Department has bi-laws and are being followed. Miller commented that maybe show the public you are willing to do breathalyzer tests. Anderson stated that he does not have any firemen that he doesn't get a long with. Berg commented that he was surprised that they do not have random drug tests and that they should. Teel commented that perception is everything. There will be no drug testing.

Camera Proposal

Mayor Rodriguez stated that Fly-A-Kite would like to take the cameras in the hallway by City Hall and move them to the over side of the building, then install one (1) 360 degree camera by City Hall for \$498.00. This is to add to the existing camera system that Fly-A-Kite operates for the city. Motion by Miller to approve purchase of camera for \$498. Seconded by Moore, carried unanimously.

Tabled Items

Water Tower Painting – Motion by Moore and Seconded by Miller, carried unanimously to leave on the table.

Spruce Street Berm – Motion by Teel to take the Spruce Street Berm item off the table. Seconded by Berg, carried unanimously. Teel asked Mr. McCullough if there was a letter sent to the quarry and he replied he was still working on it. Motion by Teel to put the Spruce Street Berm back on the table. Seconded by Moore, carried unanimously.

Resolutions

2023-16 Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve reliability plan. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-22 Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve Scott County Multi-Jurisdictional Local hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-23 Beach Pub Outdoor Service Area not passed because it was not submitted in packet.

2023-24 Food Vender was not on the agenda, so no action can be completed.

Public Works Director provided the following update in the packet:

1. Repaired flagpole at Rose Hill Cemetery
2. Replaced damaged downspouts at BCC.
3. Performed maintenance to BAC bathrooms.
4. Disassembled boiler at BAC for state inspection.
5. Responded to an airplane crash that caused a power surge.
6. Rescued a cat from the power pole surrounded by flood water.

7. Rented a TXL2000 for dumping sand into hoppers for making sandbags.
8. Scott County Waste Commission donated and delivered 300 wood pallets for sand bagging.
9. Quad City Safety donated gloves for sand bagging volunteers.
10. Upper Mississippi Fleet and Scott County Waste Commission donated man power for making sandbags.
11. Public Works helped volunteers produce approximately 25,000 bags in 8 days.
12. Cleaning streets and opening roads as the water levels lower.

Buffalo Fire Chief provided a report for the packet.

Spent 49-man hours responding to 29 Emergency calls in March,

14 -EMS Calls

- 1- Structure Fire
- 0- Vehicle Fire
- 1- Grass Fire
- 1-Vehicle Accident
- 0- Boat Rescue
- 12- Misc. Calls

118 – Total Emergency Responses for 2023

Training: 8 Members spent 32-man hours doing regular crew duties. 15 members spent 2 hours training on vent-enter-search

Park Board Committee

No updates

Cemetery

No updates

Finance ordinance Committee

No updates

Community Development

No updates

Community Center

No updates

Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 556 related to adding no tents as a place of abode.

Motion by Berg to reconsider 2nd reading of allowing discharge of a firearm under certain circumstances. Seconded by Buffington. Teel and Miller voting NO. Motion by Berg to approve 2nd reading. Seconded by Buffington. Teel still thinks it's a huge liability and against Chief Behning's recommendation. Behning said it would be hard to uphold. Miller and Teel voted NO, Moore voted Yes. Passed. Motion by Berg to not go to the 3rd reading and just pass it. Mr. McCullough suggested he not do that so that there can be more discussion. Berg rescinded his motion.

Motion by Teel and Seconded by Miller to approve the 2nd reading of amending gender references in the code. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to approve the 2nd reading for amending nuisance code for duties. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Berg to approve the 1st reading for adding mobile feed vendor requirements. Carried unanimously.

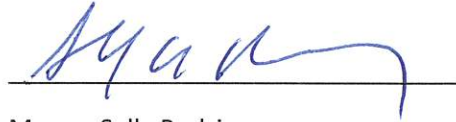
Future Meetings

Regular Council Meeting June 12, 2023

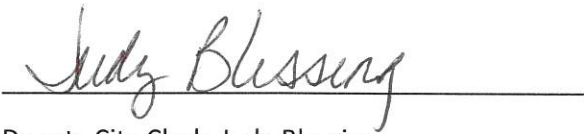
Budget Meeting May 18, 2023 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting May 18, 2023 5:30 pm

Motion by Moore and Seconded by Teel to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez



Deputy City Clerk, Judy Blessing

CLAIMS REPORT VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	483.95
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A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	105
ADVANCED Business Systems	printer contract	47.3
ALLTEST	dot physical	75
ANDY SCHWARZ FARMS LLC	flood sand trucking	1,215.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	mower oil filters	44.39
BRUS CONSTRUCTION	flood sand trucking	1,187.50
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	3,592.80
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Buffalo, City of	utilities	302.48
CORNERSTONE	west end park concrete	11,950.00
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	28
DNER INC	refill fire extinguisher	94.15
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,303.67
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,140.50
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	4,415.48
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	4,777.78
Electric Pump	lift station repair	458
FLYAKITE STUDIOS	server,camera install,firewall	814
FORTE CREDIT CARD	FEES FOR PROCESSING ECHCK	46.28
HAHN READY MIX	sand bunker blocks	1,145.00

HARSCO	sand storage flood area	417.2
HAWKINS INC	testing supplies	70
Hempel Pipe and Supply	flag pole repair	9.85
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	
IAMU	dues	556
IOWA BEVERAGE	alcohol	243.2
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IMEG	engineering	1,120.00
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	Cemetery Report	41
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	8,750.45
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JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	chain saws	91.91
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt	27
LOGAN CONTRACTOR SUPPLY	rolls of plastic	2,662.50
MARTIN & WHITACRE	dodge street project	7,965.75
McCleary Excavating Co.	flood sand trucking	4,312.50
McCullough, William	attorney fees	1,237.50
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450
MID AMERICAN	sewer	4,128.99
PEPSI	pop	121.6
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park	261.37
QC Analytical Services	operator	657
Quad City Times	grass mowing	55.22
R.P. LUMBER	operating supplies	104.79
Republic Services #400	garbage	7,352.60
RiverStone Group, Inc	flood sand	13,595.70
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	31,126.24
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SAFE BUILDING LLC	Rental inspections	750
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	920.95
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	662.17
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,583.12
Selco	road closed sign	215
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	alcohol	723.82
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charge	33.29
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Sports Depot Inc	uniforms	1,995.00
STANLEY CONSULTANTS INC	IEACHATE evaluation	6,833.75
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAX	2,149.77
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Utility Equipment Company	prv's	921.52
VAN METER	park cameras	435.69
VAN WERT COMPANY	water meters	1,416.56
VERIZON	phones	446.58
Visa	grass roller	961.76
Waste Commission of Scott Co	street sweeping debris	311.4
WEX BANK	fuel	3,151.86
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	refund on 3phase	625.98

Zimmer & Francescon Inc	freight	22.13
Accounts Payable Total		182,985.68
General Fund		92,307.16
COMMUNITY CENTER		2,308.08
Road Use Tax Fund		1,621.42
Water Utility Fund		6,204.64
Sewer Utility Fund		15,287.43
Electric Utility Fund		65,254.95
Storm Water Utility Fund		2
TOTAL FUNDS		182,985.68

Revenue

General Fund	326,995.59
Community Center	7,470.45
Road Use Tax Fund	13,173.70
Employee Benefit Fund	51,307.93
LOST	16,550.25
Community Development	4,137.55
Water Utility Fund	12,041.54
Sewer Utility Fund	15,076.38
Electric Utility Fund	47,167.35
Storm Water Utility fund	405.32

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