

Minutes of the regular council meeting held October 16, 2023 at 6:00pm. Present council members Joe Buffington (excused), Austin Miller, Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Ted Teel and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, City Engineer Mike Janecek, City Attorney William McCullough, Deputy City Clerk Judy Blessing and Tanna Leonard were present as well.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent agenda

Mayor Rodriguez explained that the Minutes of October 09, 2023 and the clerk reports were not prepared.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Moore to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

Mayor Rodriguez reported that the Halloween parade was October 29 @ 4:00, lineup starts at 3:30. You could sign up to participate online at the event link. Trick or Treat will be on October 31st from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The cemetery clean-up was happening from October 15-22. Residents could take items to the waste commission for no costs until Saturday October 21, 2023. The school is looking for JA volunteers; the program is a little different this year. Mayor reported that they were working on hydrant flushing this week to assist with the iron issue in well #2. There was a press release sent out with the results of PFAS testing in Well #2, the permit has been submitted and we were just waiting on Iowa DNR to sign off.

Tree –Nunn and Lagrange

Council discussed the requests and had questions. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to table the tree hearings until the next regular meeting November 13, and requested that the property owners attend to answer questions. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooler Buffalo Community Center

Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to approve up to \$2,500 to purchase a new cooler. Motion carried unanimously.

Squad Car Police Department

Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to approve the purchase of the PD Squad for the increased price of \$48,385, a little more than previously approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer Lining

Ferkel explained that per the request of the sewer committee he obtained sewer lining bids. He provided sewer lining bids from Visu –Sewer in the amount of \$41,385. Clerk asked if this item was included in the current budget. R. Teel-Vanderpool asked where funding would come from. Clerk explained that there weren't reserve funds and would need to be paid by rate increases. Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to table until we go over the Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) at the next meeting. Motion carries unanimously.

Fire Hydrants

Mike Janecek provided an update to the Clerk, that he had a little more to do on the plan, but that it would be ready at the next November council meeting.

Street Sweeping for Hire

Ferkel explained that the president of Forest Manner asked if he would be interested in street sweeping their sub-division. Council discussed if Ferkel would have the time/staff to perform these duties. Teel asked Ferkel how long the

project would take and what would the costs be. Ferkel explained that he wanted council opinion before he spent much time on it. Motion by Moore and seconded by Teel to table until next meeting.

Tabled Items

Generator for well #1

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to move the generator from the table for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the two bids that Ferkel had provided, one from DECCO \$49,300 and one from Rock River for \$58,737. Council discussed the options and funding for this, including the importance. Motion by Moore and seconded by Miller to discuss this further at the next meeting where we would discuss the utility CIP's. Motion carried unanimously.

Pole Replacement

Motion by Moore and seconded by Teel to move the pole replacement from the table for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the two bids, from Michel's for \$38,999 and Intren \$26,446.55. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the bid from Intren. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

None

Public Works Department

1. Installed pickle ball net
2. Removed dead tree from cemetery
3. Installed playground mulch at both parks
4. Cleaned out storm drains and inspected
5. McCleary fixed water main break and replaced hydrant
6. McCleary installed new valve for water main repair
7. Removed electric service from 810 Hacker Street
8. Trimmed tree limbs from primary lines on Hacker Street
9. Performed maintenance at BAC
10. Replaced fuses to high surface pump

Buffalo Fire Chief provided a report for the packet.

Spent 55-man hours responding to 26 Emergency calls in August,

- 25- EMS Calls
- 2- Structure Fire
- 1- Vehicle Fire
- 3-Grass Fire
- 1-Vehicle Accidents
- 0-Boat Rescue
- 6- Misc. Calls

283 – Total Emergency Responses for 2023

Training: 6 Members spent 27-man hours doing regular crew duties.

17 members spent 2 hours training on drafting.

Park Board Committee

No updates

Cemetery

No Updates

Finance ordinance Committee

No Updates

Community Development

R. Teel-Vanderpool reported that they are working on the next event for fundraising, a comedy night on November 10, 2023.

Community Center

No updates

Streets Committee

No updates

Ordinances

563 Community Development Allowance

Motion by Miller and seconded by Moore to approve the third reading of Community Development spending allowance. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings

Regular Council Meeting November 13, 2023, 6:00pm

Parks Committee Meeting October 25, 2023, 6:00pm

Motion by Moore and Seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez



City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

Revenues July

General Fund \$61,222.57

Community Center \$3,042.00

Road Use Tax Fund \$2,483.44

Employee Benefit Fund \$838.91

Local Option Sales Tax \$20,453.60

Community Development \$5,113.40

Water utility Fund \$16,276.53

Sewer Utility Fund \$17,372.08

Electric Utility Fund \$55,084.49

Storm Water Utility Fund \$548.22