

Minutes of the regular council meeting held May 13, 2024, at 6:00pm. Present council members Rachel Teel-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 (excused), Engineer Mike Janecek, Attorney William McCullough, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard (excused) were present as well.

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Adams and seconded by Roman to approve the consent agenda, with moving the Color Run to the top of the agenda. Carried unanimously.

### **Public Input**

Mayor Rodriguez had the following for public input:

Thanks to Jerry, from Public Works, and Judy, for their hard work on the concession stand. I have received many positive comments about it.

City wide garage sale is May 31-Jun 1, 2024. Call city hall to be added to the map.

Remember if you need the police, please call 911, don't put on Facebook.

### **Color Run**

Members of Buffalo PTA presented the council with a map for the 5K color run, scheduled for May 16, 5:30-7:30 pm. They requested to have the participants go South on Jefferson (from the school), then East on 2nd Street, then North on Dodge Street (to city hall), then return the same path back. They have volunteers who will be positioned throughout the course. Chief Behning and J. Ferkel had no issue with the proposed run, as public works will put out the barricades. If there is a weather issue, the run will take place next Thursday. Motion by Teel-Vanderpool and seconded by Adams to approve closing the streets for the color run. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Project Updates Janecek**

Mike Janecek discussed the following:

Street Scape - He stated that he can finalize the plans, based on doing the blocks, then send them forward to DOT for approval. The council asked to see the plans prior to sending them to DOT. Motion by Roman and seconded by Teel-Vanderpool to approve

finalizing the plans and having council review prior to sending to DOT. Motion carried unanimously.

Dodge Street - the punch list was finalized, and everything is good to go.

Fire Hydrants - the fire hydrants are finished, except for receiving 4 risers and the seeding.

Overlay - is still on hold, until council states to move forward with that project.

### **Fire Department Parking Lot**

Ferkel presented 3 quotes for replacing the front parking at the fire station. The council discussed the estimates and where the money would come from. Ferkel stated that the tile also needed to be completed, as when it was completed previously it was not done correctly, as they could see when they took off the manhole cover. The tiling was completed in 2015. Only one of the quotes had replaced the tile, which was \$68,065.30, and the other 2 quotes were \$46,487 and \$30,576. It was asked about cold patching, which would only cost approximately \$2,000, which was stated would last for several years. Motion by Roman to table this to have more information, as far as where the money would come from, seconded by Teel-Vanderpool. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Cigarette Permits Johnson Oil Shell Station and Casey's**

Motion by Adams and seconded by Roman to approve the permits. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Union Contract**

Mr. McCullough discussed the changes in the contract, which expires on Jun 30, 2024, and the new contract will be good for 3 years. Mayor Rodriguez stated that we are still waiting on the insurance costs. Motion by Adams to approve the contract, pending the insurance costs, seconded by Moore. Motion carried with Teel-Vanderpool voting "no".

### **Bid Opening for Pump**

Mayor Rodriguez opened the 2 sealed bids for the pump. One bid was \$100, and the other bid was \$700. Motion by Miller to accept the \$700 bid, seconded by Roman. Motion carried with Adams abstaining due to conflict of interest.

### **Garbage Waste Pickup Contract**

Teel-Vanderpool and Miller stated that they reviewed the contracts and decided to go with Republic. Miller mentioned that since we were looking at saving money, would be a reason to go with Overton. Roman reviewed Overton's Facebook page stating delays in pickups

and stated he wanted a company that had reliability. Motion by Teel-Vanderpool to stay with Republic, seconded by Roman. Motion carried with Miller voting "no".

### **Community Development - Memorial Day**

A. Gadzik stated that she is putting together a party on the beach (across from Boondocks) on Memorial Day, from 12:00-6:00 pm. The event will have a DJ, volleyball, bags, food options from local businesses, and karaoke. She stated that community development is going to pay for the costs of the DJ/karaoke. She has received some donations from businesses and folks which will be used to help with the costs. A. Gadzik also thanked Tina Yoder for volunteering her time and money to plant flowers, lay down mulch and rocks by the war memorial on the beach. Motion by Moore to authorize up to \$1,000 from Community Development funds, seconded by Teel-Vanderpool. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Grave Marker Placement for Veteran**

Roman stated that a resident had requested to have a Vet marker at the foot of the grave site. Motion by Roman to approve, if it is in accordance with 3-5.16 and that the ordinance should be updated to authorize these markers in the future, seconded by Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Sandbagging Machine Sale**

Mayor Rodriguez stated that the council had agreed to sell this machine, but since then Ferkel found out that the sandbag machine he was looking to buy is not available, as they are not making it anymore. Discussion was on if there is a way to have the device put less sand in the bags. Ferkel is going to try and see if it will work, and several council members also wanted to see the demonstration. Motion by Moore to table this until it is determined it will not work, seconded by Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

### **3M PFAS Settlement**

Mr. McCullough stated that when the council originally discussed last fall, it was some litigation with 3M and there is a settlement to make claims against that damage. The time to file a claim is going to expire later this summer. He said that he and Ferkel would have to put the documentation together and submit it by July 2024. The law firm handling the settlement would receive 25 percent of the amount. Motion by Moore to have the documentation sent in, seconded by Roman. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Nuisance Abatement Process**

Mayor Rodriguez stated that the city is receiving many complaints about yards having tires, old lawn mowers, and other miscellaneous stuff piled in their yards. Roman stated he has

been looking at other town's ordinances and has been going through them, plans on coming up with a new ordinance. Motion by Adams to send this to the ordinance committee, seconded by Roman. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Ordinances**

a. 568 Increasing Waste Pickup Charges for residents on utility bills - The council discussed the recent rate increases to utilities/property taxes, as well as how other cities pay for the waste pickup. Roman stated that he would like to see the data on how much the residents utilities and property tax has gone up, prior to deciding. Motion by Adams to table until the council receives the info, seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

b. 569 Nuisances - Motion by Teel-Vanderpool to table this until after the ordinance committee reviews, seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Cemetery**

Roman mentioned that they were trying to get 150 Veteran's Markers placed by Memorial Day.

### **Future Meetings**

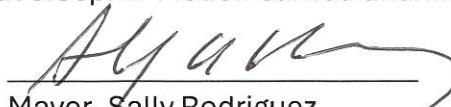
Regular Council meeting on Jun 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm.  
Community Center on May 14, 2024, at 5:00 pm.  
Community Development on May 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm.  
Ordinance Committee on June 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

### **Tree Donation**

Mr. Al Shafer addressed the council stating that he wanted to donate 2 trees to Buffalo, from his mother's passing. He said he does not have room for them at his location but thought it would be good to put them in the park where family members could see it. Ferkel said that they could plant the trees in the park.

### **Adjourn**

Motion by Moore, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 8:06pm. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Mayor, Sally Rodriguez

  
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Attest: City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
424 WARNING SYSTEMS LLC	install for white 2023 Tahoe	\$ 20,064.54
7G DISTRIBUTING	Alcohol Purchase	\$ 368.80
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A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	\$ 105.00
ACUREN INSPECTIONS	inspections on line tools truck	\$ 840.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	copier contract	\$ 105.00
AFLAC	Aflac	\$ 233.20
ALLTEST	Drug Testing	\$ 410.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	concession stand	\$ 104.41
ASSURED PARTNERS	2023 Chevy Tahoe	\$ 1,354.00
BLESSING JUDY	concession stand start up	\$ 150.00
BLESSING JUDY	brats for concession stand	\$ 40.08
BLESSING JUDY	concession stand refill	\$ 99.00
Elan Financial Services	postcard stamps	\$ 599.88
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	\$ 19,044.00
Buffalo, City of	utilities	\$ 263.04
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	April 10 minutes	\$ 163.27
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Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	\$ 28.75
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,304.82
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 2,989.28
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,054.59
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,039.74
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 2,888.30
FORTE CREDIT CARD	FEES FOR PROCESSING ECHCK	\$ 52.33
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FREDS TOWING INC	tow 2018 Tahoe	\$ 98.43
HAHN READY MIX	blocks for salt storage	\$ 1,265.00
HAWKINS INC	chlorine bottle rental	\$ 110.00
Hempel Pipe and Supply	broken valve	\$ 302.60
IA CHILD SUPPORT Recovery Unit	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 54.81
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IA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	Fire Chief membership	\$ 25.00
IA IL TERMITE & PEST CONL	BAC bug spray	\$ 89.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	wilsons de-escalation	\$ 50.00
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Iowa Prison Industries	street signs	\$ 1,171.80

Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	
IAMU	dues	\$ 595.00
IOWA BEVERAGE	IBEV Alcohol Purchases	\$ 236.40
Iowa DNR	Laboratory application	\$ 400.00
IMEG	CIP water engineering	\$ 299.00
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Interstate Batteries	battery	\$ 120.95
INTOXIMETERS	mouthpieces, wrist straps	\$ 415.00
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	Annual Report Fee	\$ 80.00
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	Cemetery Report Payment Fee	\$ 1.00
Iowa One Call	Iowa one call	\$ 22.50
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	\$ 8,431.70
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JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	uniform allowance Derrickson	\$ 417.92
KEVIN KOBERG	deposit refund	\$ 100.00
LIBERTY TREE SERVICE	line clearing	\$ 2,550.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE	engineering	\$ 651.70
McCullough, William	attorney fees	\$ 1,950.00
MEDIACOM	internet, phone	\$ 1,873.28
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	\$ 605.00
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	concession stand	\$ 337.71
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MENARDS - MUSCATINE	concession stand	\$ 147.86
MID AMERICAN	street light	\$ 37.92
MID AMERICAN	BAC	\$ 1,724.99
MID AMERICAN	sewer	\$ 1,615.27
MID AMERICAN	BAC	\$ 614.68
Panther Uniforms Inc	uniform allowance TJ	\$ 39.95
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park	\$ 459.00
QC Analytical Services	tests	\$ 1,416.00
Quad City Times	FY25 proposed budget	\$ 162.92
R.P. LUMBER	tape, dowel, key	\$ 105.02
Racom Corporation	removal of radio from ladder	\$ 210.00
REBECCA HAYES	deposit refund	\$ 100.00
REGALIA	flags	\$ 370.00
Republic Services #400	garbage	\$ 7,557.30
Republic Services #400	trash	\$ 7,557.30
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$ 951.68
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Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$ 1,838.35
SARAH SCHUTTERS	deposit return	\$ 100.00
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Incoming Wire Fee	\$ 10.00
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charges ACH	\$ 10.00

Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,956.25
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TC AUTO	2018 Tahoe water pump	\$ 921.63
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY	well #1 service call wont turn	\$ 162.61
TYLER DEVOL	boots	\$ 69.99
UnityPoint-Occupational Med.	Derrickson drug test	\$ 42.00
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	EMR books	\$ 1,650.00
VERIZON	phones, laptop	\$ 368.40
Visa	evaporator sensor	\$ 309.00
WEX BANK	fuel	\$ 2,975.34
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase deposit refund	\$ 625.98
Accounts Payable Total		\$ 120,166.78

General Fund	\$ 81,710.52
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 2,270.12
Road Use Tax Fund	\$ 2,162.24
2024 Bond Proceeds	\$ 10.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 9,804.29
Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 11,771.97
Electric Utility Fund	\$ 12,435.76
Storm Water Utility Fund	\$ 1.88
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 120,166.78

### Revenues January

General Fund	\$63,153.91
Community Center	\$2,562.00
Road Use Tax Fund	\$13,766.96
Employee Benefit Fund	\$737.41
Community Development	\$5,481.53
Debt Service Fund	\$120.02
Port Security Grant	\$ 29,928.62
Water Utility Fund	\$11,866.60
Sewer Utility Fund	\$14,451.76
Electric Utility Fund	\$40,532.36
Storm Water Utility Fund	\$486.15

### Revenues February

General Fund	\$50,603.49
Community Center	\$7,571.00
Road Use Tax Fund	\$12,110.85
Employee Benefit Fund	\$591.23
Local Option Sales Tax	\$27,701.89
Community Development	\$6,925.46

Debt Service \$96.23  
Water Utility \$14,373.05  
Sewer Utility \$17,110.78  
Electric Utility \$51,973.04  
Storm Water Utility \$684.44