

Regular City Council Meeting
January 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.
City Hall

Members present were Thomas, Sorensen, Mueller, and Winter.

Members absent were Merritt.

City staff and consultants in attendance were Elizabeth Jackson, Mark Rahrick, Brandon Theobald, and Rick Hager.

Others in attendance were Judy Bauer, Dyann Reinhard, Kay Fate, Greg Sanborn, Simone Hellevik, and Marie Sexton.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Concerns/Requests from General Public/Organizations – none.

Agenda – add rental inspection ordinance workshop under Mayor Reports. Motion by Mueller, seconded by Sorensen to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Consent agenda – agenda items are approved by one motion unless a Council member requests separate action.

Approval of the December 18, 2023 regular council meeting minutes.

Approval of the December and January city and liquor store bills

Approval of the December check register numbers E5020-E5080, 17373-17431, and 51501-51651.

Motion by Mueller, seconded by Winter to approve the consent agenda as presented. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Board – Council member Winter gave a brief update of the January Zoning meeting.

EDA Board – Council member Mueller gave a brief update of the January EDA meeting.

Fire Department- Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Mueller to authorize the Fire Department to purchase new turnout gear from MacQueen Equipment not to exceed \$150,000. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

City Attorney –

Animal Control Discussion – Attorney Rahrick gave an overview of the City's animal ordinances.

City Engineer – Engineer Theobald updated Council on the status of the water plant, liquor store, and wastewater connection projects.

Mayor –

Rental Inspection Ordinance – a workshop to discuss the rental ordinance will be held on January 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

City Administrator

Public Works/General Updates – Administrator Jackson presented a memo.

Resolution 2024-04 A Resolution Designating Election Judges for the 2024 Primary and General Elections – motion by Mueller, seconded by Winter to approve resolution 2024-04. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Sidewalk Snow Removal – motion by Thomas, seconded by Winter to have the public works removal snow from all city sidewalks. Thomas voted aye, Winter voted aye, Merritt voted aye, Sorensen voted aye, Mueller voted nay. Motion carried.

Snow Plowing Procedures – Administrator Jackson presented a memo. The public works staff will plow after a snow event with 2 inches of snow or more. Public works will begin snow removal at 4am.

Weekend Rounds/Public Works Phone Calls – Administrator Jackson presented a memo. Jackson outlined the procedures for contacting public works staff after hours and on weekends.

Part Time Public Works Worker for Snow Removal – Administrator Jackson presented a memo recommending Council hire Vern Owens as a part time public works worker for snow events at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion by Mueller, seconded by Winter to hire Vern Owens. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Water Plant Concerns – Administrator Jackson presented a memo outlining the issues at the water plant and possible repairs.

Regular City Council Meeting – Monday, February 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mueller, seconded by Sorensen to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Minutes approved at _____ meeting.

Submitted by _____ City Clerk.

Signed by _____ Mayor.