



New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

April 24th, 2023

Members Present

Chad Neitzel
Jason Casey
Loren Skelton
Jody Wynnemer
Janda Ferguson

Staff Present

Anthony Martens-Administrator
Eric Hendrickson-Maintenance Lead
Bob Johannsen-Care Center Administrator
Shell Johnson-People Service
Herb Krueger-People Service

Others Present

Sharon Eckart
Marilyn Meyer
Linda Young
Dale Young
Sandy Peterson
Nicole Weitzel
Jennifer Plendl
Tom Plendl
Connie Johnson
Joyce Wobbrock
Randy Dokken
Mike Abbott
Sue Abbott

Community Partners Present

Doug Christopherson, County Commissioner
Brad Krause, County Commissioner
Chris Howard, Waseca County Drainage Management
Lance Loverink, MN Rural Water
Larry Muff, Waseca County Soil and Water

Others Present (continued)

Heather Hendrickson	Jennifer Weber	David Urban	Jeannie Joslyn
Bud Olson	Emily Colonna	Brenda Routh	Theresa Grubstad
John Hulloper	Dorothy Gonitzke	**illegible**	Me

Members Absent

None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chad Neitzel at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call - All members present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

- Administrator Martens requested the following changes to the agenda.
 - Add item #4 to New Business: Pay Equity Report Approval
 - Add item #5 to New Business: Accept resignation of FT Police Officer Herrmann
- Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the agenda as amended. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda

1. Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the consent agenda. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

May 11th, 2023, Flood Comments from City, County, Rural Water, Wastewater

1. Lance Loverink, MN Rural Water spoke to the community members in attendance and explained how the wastewater system was impacted by the flooding on May 11th and answered questions regarding the response, impact and prevention of backups into homes.
2. Doug Christopherson, County Commissioner spoke to the community members in attendance and detailed the counties steps and progress in working on water flow issues in and around New Richland and how they are working with the City of New Richland going forward. Commissioner Christopherson also answered questions from the community members.



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3. Chris Howard, Waseca County Drainage Management also spoke to the community members about the county ditch running through New Richland and how the ditch is managed, evaluated and repaired. Chris Howard also answered questions from community members.

Public Comments

1. Larry Muff – Waseca County Soil and Water
 - a. Muff presented an alternate solution for a hydraulic study that can be done by ISG out of Mankato. He has worked with them during the One Watershed group project. He also shared concerns of legal liability on the City should they not take further action regarding flooding in the City of New Richland.

Requests and Presentations

- None

Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

- Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to adopt resolution #23-11. A Resolution Assigning an Address to a Parcel. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to adopt resolution #23-12. A Resolution Extending an Emergency Declaration. Carried (4yes, 0 no)

Reports

1. Care Center Report
 - Care Center report was presented by Bob Johannsen
 - Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the Care Center report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. People Service Report
 - People Service report was presented by Shell Johnson
 - Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve the purchase of an emergency response trailer to be shared by the Street, Water and Sewer departments for \$3,000 plus the cost of a ladder rack to be split between the apartments. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the People Service report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Street/Maintenance Report
 - Street and Maintenance report was presented by Eric Hendrickson
 - Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the street repairs by WW Blacktopping in the amount of \$69,963.40 and Bargaen, Inc. in the amount of \$10,350 to be paid for out of the 2023 Capital Budget for Street Repairs. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve the purchase of 10 stop signs and 10 traffic cones at a cost of \$600. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the Street and Maintenance report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

- None



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New Business

1. Flood Update
 - a. Administrator Martens provided a brief update on flood related issues.
2. EDA Grants
 - a. No grants were approved by the EDA so there is nothing to discuss.
3. Concession Stand Equipment Purchase
 - a. Administrator Martens provided an update on the concession stand and licensing.
 - b. Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the cost of a concession stand fridge, freezer, and microwave at a cost of \$2,541.57.
Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
4. Pay Equity Report
 - a. Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the pay equity report of 2022 as presented. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
5. Resignation of FT Officer Brandon Herrmann
 - a. Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to accept the resignation of FT Police Officer Brandon Herrmann and have the administrator send a thank you letter for his service to the community. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - b. Motion made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the posting of the FT Police Officer position. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Miscellaneous

- None

Administrators Report

- Administrator Martens provided a report to the council on tasks completed since last meeting.
- Motion was made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the administrators report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Mayor/Council Comments

- None

Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson.
Carried (4 yes, 0 no) 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens
City Administrator