



New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

August 28th, 2023

Members Present

Chad Neitzel
Jason Casey
Loren Skelton
Jody Wynnemer
Janda Ferguson

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Pam Goehring
Larry Goehring
Mike Abbott
Layne Kockelman-ABDO

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

- Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the agenda as amended. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comments

- None

Requests and Presentations

1. 2022 City of New Richland Audit Presentation
 - Layne Kockelman presented the Audit Presentation on behalf of ABDO
2. Larry Muff – Historical Flood Concerns
 - Mr. Muff asked to be on the agenda but did not attend the meeting

Public Hearings

- Public hearing on the THC Public Consumption Ordinance opened at 6:56 pm
 - Jody Wynnemer – 321 3rd Street NW
 - Wynnemer shared his concerns with the THC Public Consumption ordinance and urged the council to vote against the ordinance.
- Public hearing was closed at 7:38 pm

Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

1. Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to adopt resolution 23-15: A Resolution Updating the City Fee Schedule. Carried. (4 yes, 0 no)
2. Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to adopt Ordinance #590: Prohibiting the Public Consumption of THC. Carried (3 yes Neitzel, Ferguson, Skelton, 2 no Wynnemer, Casey)



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Reports

1. Care Center Report
 - Care Center report was presented by Bob Johannsen
 - Motion was made by Loren Skelton 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 made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve Empire Pipe Services to provide cleaning and televising of the sanitary sewer system in the southwest of town for \$14,827.80 to be paid for out of capital reserve for the sewer enterprise fund. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Jody Wynnemer 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 made by Jason Casey and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve the purchase of a new control module for the generator at the water plant at a cost of \$8,697 to be paid for out of the ARPA funds if possible or split between City/Water Enterprise capital funds. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Street and Maintenance report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

1. Building Inspector Contract
 - Notice was received that current contract will be terminated December 31st, 2023. Motion was made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Loren Skelton to enter into a contract with Mike Benson for building inspection services effective January 1st, 2024. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. Siren Bids
 - 2 bids were received on the siren
 - Bader-Bader LLC - \$1,800
 - Asa Wilcox - \$.02
 - Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to award the bid of \$1,800 to Bader-Bader LLC. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

New Business

1. VRBO Ordinance
 - a. Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to set a public hearing on the VRBO Ordinance on Monday September 11th, 2023, at 6:35 pm. Carried (3 yes, 1 no Wynnemer)

Miscellaneous

- None

Administrators Report

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



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Mayor/Council Comments

- None

Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson.
Carried (4 yes, 0 no) 7:44 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens
City Administrator