



New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

September 25th, 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
e – Tanyce Bruegger, Chief of Police

Others Present

Pam Goehring
Larry Goehring
Brian Harguth
Doug Christopherson
Dee Malterer
Brad Krause

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 that the following items be added to the agenda:
 - New Business #2: Rental Licenses
 - New Business #3: Ambulance Staffing Request
- Motion was made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve the agenda as amended. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda

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

Public Comments

- None

Requests and Presentations

1. Waseca County Commissioners were present to discuss happenings at the county level that impact the City of New Richland. Items discussed included watershed, justice center, unified development code, MN Prairie.

Public Hearings

- Public hearing on the VRBO Ordinance was opened at 7:20 pm
- Council members Wynnemer and Casey voiced opposition to the ordinance.
- Public hearing was closed at 7:46 pm

Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

1. Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to adopt ordinance #360 Vacation Rentals by Owner VRBO. Carried. (3 yes, 2 no, Wynnemer, Casey)
2. Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to adopt resolution 23-16: A Resolution updating the City Fee Schedule. Carried. (3 yes, 2 no, Wynnemer, Casey)
3. Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to adopt resolution 23-17: A Resolution Adopting the 2024 Preliminary Budget. (Carried 2 yes, 1 no, 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 Janda Ferguson to approve \$1,900 for Jim & Dudes plumbing to fix the blower assembly at the WWTP. 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 Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the replacement of concrete at the Water plant by John Hulloper at a cost of \$1,060. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the Street and Maintenance report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

1. 2024 Preliminary Budget – Final Comments
 - Administrator Martens provided some final comments regarding the preliminary budget. A significant decrease was found from insurance changes.
2. Health Insurance – 2024
 - Insurance changes will lead to a significant budget decrease preliminarily.
3. Keeping of Chickens
 - Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to not allow chickens in the City of New Richland. Carried. (3 yes, 1 no, Casey)

New Business

1. FT Police Officer
 - a. Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve the hiring of Drew DeRaad as a full-time police officer effective October 20th, 2023, starting at step 1, \$21.54/ hour with a review after 6 months. Carried. (4 yes, 0 no)
2. Rental Licenses
 - a. Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the rental licenses as presented. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Ambulance Staffing
 - a. Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the hiring of Mitchell Schaitel as an EMR for the Ambulance. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Miscellaneous

- None



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Administrators Report

- Administrator Martens provided a report to the council on tasks completed since last meeting.
- Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson 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) 8:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens
City Administrator