

Regular Council Meeting – September 12th, 2022

Members Present

Gail Schmidt
Chad Neitzel
Loren Skelton
Jason Casey
Jody Wynnemer

Staff Present

Anthony Martens, City Administrator

Others Present

Ed Gilmore - USDA
Doug Christopherson
Pam Goehring
Larry Goehring
Brenda Routh (e)
Dylan Arnold (e)
Jessica Lutgens (e)
Tanyce Bruegger (e)

Members Absent

None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Schmidt at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call - All members present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

- Administrator Martens asked to add Commissioner Christopherson to the agenda under Requests and Presentations #2 and to strike #1, EDA Loan Program updates from New Business.
- Mayor Schmidt asked for the August 2022 financials to be removed from the consent agenda and placed onto New Business #3.
- Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve the agenda as amended. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda

- Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve the consent agenda with item #3 removed. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Public Comments

- None

Requests and Presentations

- Ed Gilmore, USDA was present to discuss siren grant and SCBA grant applications and progress
- Doug Christopherson, County Commissioner was present to provide updates to the council regarding ongoing upcoming projects that Waseca County is working on.

Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

- Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Loren Skelton to adopt resolution 22-11, an Ordinance Modifying Rate Structure for Water and Sewer Usage. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Loren Skelton to adopt resolution 22-12, Adopting an Updated Fee Schedule. Carried (4 yes, 0 no).

Reports

1. Ambulance Report – In writing
 - Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the ambulance report as presented. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. Fire Department Report – Josh Moen
 - Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve the hiring of Jordan Allen as a firefighter. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Fire Department report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

3. Police Department Report – In Writing

- Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to accept the police report as presented. Carried. (4 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

- Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to make an offer to hire Tanyce Bruegger as the Chief of Police starting at step 1, \$25.66/hour with pro-rated vacation and sick accrual should she work less than 40 hours a week. Bruegger will be eligible to move to step 2 after a 6-month performance evaluation. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Chad Neitzel to make an offer to hire Brandon Herrmann as the Full Time Officer starting at step 1, \$20.17/hour with benefits. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

New Business

- Council discussed sewer rates and options for 2022 and 2023
- Council discussed currently presented preliminary budget and directed staff to continue finalizing and communicating the preliminary 2023 budget

Miscellaneous

- Logo Contest Finalists were presented to the council. Council should decide who in the community and who from the council will be on the final decision committee for the next meeting.

Administrators Report

- Administrator Martens presented the Administrator's Report

Mayor/Council Comments

- None

Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Loren Skelton.
Carried (4 yes, 0 no) 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens
City Administrator