

Regular Council Meeting – September 26th, 2022

Members Present

Gail Schmidt
Chad Neitzel
Loren Skelton
Jason Casey
Jody Wynnemer

Staff Present

Anthony Martens-City Administrator
Shell Johnson-People Service
Tanyce Bruegger-Police Chief
Brandon Herrmann-Police Officer

Others Present

Jay & Robin Dulas
Serena Frazier
Pam & Larry Goehring
Brad & Beth Krause
Todd McDonough
Scott Tangen
Brandi Dokken
Jennifer Herrmann
Nicole Wallin
Michael Herrmann
e-Brenda Routh
e-Jessica Lutgens
e-Dylan Arnold

Members Absent

None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Schmidt at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call - All members present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

- Mayor Schmidt asked that a discussion on Ordinances be added to the Miscellaneous section of the agenda. 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 Loren Skelton and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve the consent agenda. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Public Comments

- None

Requests and Presentations

- Mayor Schmidt conducted the Oath of Office ceremony for newly appointed Police Chief, Tanyce Bruegger
- Police Chief Bruegger conducted the Oath of Office ceremony for newly appointed Full-Time Police Officer, Brandon Herrmann
- Todd McDonough addressed the council regarding concerns with fluoride in the water

Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

- Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve resolution #22-13 A Resolution of Police Declaration – Tanyce Bruegger. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jason Casey to approve resolution #22-14 A Resolution of Police Declaration – Brandon Herrmann. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jason Casey to approve resolution #22-15 Appointing Election Judges for the General Election. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Loren Skelton to adopt resolution #22-16 Adopting the 2023 Preliminary Budget. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Reports

1. NR Care Center Report – (see attached)
 - Loren Skelton provided the care center update as Interim Administrator was not in attendance. Motion made to accept the NRCC report by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jason Casey. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion by Loren Skelton and seconded by Chad Neitzel to offer the Care Center Administrator position to Robert Johannsen. \$4115.39/ pay period (80 hours), exempt, including a retention incentive of \$3,200 for the 1st year and an additional \$4,300 for the second year should he stay for 2 consecutive years and start with 40 hours PTO. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. PeopleService Report – (see attached)
 - Shell Johnson was present to review the monthly wastewater department report.
 - Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve up to \$5,000 in repairs to various electrical and safety items at the WWTP. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Wastewater report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Street/Water Report – (see attached)
 - Water and Street department report was submitted in writing.
 - Motion was made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve the purchase of new batteries for the generator at a cost of \$432. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve the purchase of white paint for the outside of the skating rink. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded Jody Wynnemer to approve the replacement of gutter brooms for the sweeper at a cost of \$308. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve the removal of a large boulevard tree on 3rd Street SE at a cost of \$5,800. To be paid for with the tree line item and the remaining out of unrestricted capital. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion to accept Street/Water report by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jody Wynnemer. Carried. (4 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

- Administrator Martens presented the preliminary findings from the Classification and Compensation study being done by David Drown and Associates.
- The council discussed the preliminary budget and had some final questions about expenses and revenues as they relate to the preliminary budget. Council adopted resolution #22-16 Adopting the 2023 Preliminary Budget.

New Business

- Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jason Casey to approve Jason Colvin as an EMT for the Ambulance. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve the Legion Field Lease Agreement with the NRHEG School District at a rate of \$10,000 / year for a 5-year term. Carried (4 yes, 0 no).
- Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve up to \$50,000 to spend out of the lease funds from the school to repair the baseball field back stop, subject 2 qualifying bids. Carried (4 yes, 0 no).

Miscellaneous

- Mayor Schmidt provided a handout of ordinance violation concerns that she has received from anonymous sources. She is concerned that ordinances are not being enforced as they should or there needs to be modifications to the ordinances to make them easier to enforce.
- Administrator Martens suggested that ordinance complaints come through the administration office in order to keep things documented better and to make sure that timelines are being followed.
- Administrator Martens will work with Chief Bruegger to finalize a policy and draft documents for handling ordinance complaints from start to finish.

Administrators Report

- Administrator Martens provided a report to the council on tasks completed since last meeting

Mayor/Council Comments

- None

Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Chad Neitzel.
Carried (4 yes, 0 no) 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens
City Administrator