



# New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

## Members Present

Chad Neitzel  
Loren Skelton  
Jody Wynnemer  
Jason Casey  
Janda Ferguson

## Staff Present

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

## Others Present

Pam Goehring Larry Goehring

## 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

- Council Person Wynnemer requested #2 and #3 from the consent agenda be moved to unfinished business
- Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the agenda as amended. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

## Consent Agenda

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

## Public Comments

- None

## Requests and Presentations

- None

## Public Hearings

- None

## Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

- None

## Reports

1. Care Center Report – Bob Johannsen, Care Center Administrator
  - Care Center report was presented by Bob Johannsen
  - Motion was made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Ambulance Department report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)



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## Reports (continued)

2. People Service Report – Shell Johnson
  - People Service report was presented by Shell Johnson
  - Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the People Service report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
3. Maintenance Report – Eric Hendrickson, Maintenance Lead
  - Maintenance Report was presented by Eric Hendrickson.
  - Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve the purchase of tools for the water/sewer disaster trailer at a cost of up to \$1,400. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
  - Motion made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to set a work session for Street Project Discussion and Engineer introduction on Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
  - Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to purchase a hydraulic pump for the water/sewer disaster trailer from DSG at a cost of \$8,970.64. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
  - Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve hiring Tonka to test media in the water filter upon engineering confirmation at a cost of \$1,270. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
  - Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the Police Department report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

## Unfinished Business

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Parking
  - General discussion regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Parking. No action taken.
- Ambulance Incentive Pay
  - Update provided by City Administrator
- December 2023 Check Register
  - Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve the December 2023 check register. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- December 2023 Financials
  - Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve December 2023 financials.

## New Business

1. Consolidated Garbage Contract Discussion
  - a. After a brief discussion, motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Loren Skelton to investigate moving to a 1 hauler contract for consolidated garbage services within the city of New Richland. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
2. City-Run Municipal Dispensary Discussion
  - a. After a brief discussion it was suggested that the City poll the community regarding the possibility of a dispensary
3. State Flag Discussion/Resolution Discussion
  - a. Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Jason Casey for the Administrator to draft a resolution disapproving of the legislators' efforts in the state of MN to change the state flag. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)



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## ***New Business (continued)***

4. Purchase Computer for Assistant City Clerk
  - a. Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Assistant City Clerk at a cost of \$650 from Dell. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
5. Purchase turnout gear for the FD
  - a. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Loren Skelton to approve the purchase of turnout gear for the Fire Department at a cost of \$16,064 from Heiman Fire Equipment. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

## **Miscellaneous**

- None

## **Administrators Report**

- Administrator Martens provided a report in writing to the council on tasks completed since last meeting.
- Motion made by Loren Skelton and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the City Administrators report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

## **Mayor/Council Comments**

**Adjournment** – Motion for adjournment made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Loren Skelton. Carried (4 yes, 0 no) 7:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens  
City Administrator