



New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

February 12th, 2024

Members Present

Janda Ferguson
Loren Skelton
Jody Wynnemer
Jason Casey

Staff Present

Anthony Martens-City Administrator
Tanyce Bruegger-Chief of Police

Others Present

Larry Goehring
Mark Besser
Pam Goehring
Kim White

Members Absent

Chad Neitzel

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Loren Skelton at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call - All members present except Mayor Neitzel

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

- Administrator Martens requested to add New Business item #3: Well Update and New Business item #4: Historic Preservation Society Request to the agenda.
- Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the agenda. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda

- Motion made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the consent agenda. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)

Public Comments

- Mark Besser
 - Currently living in a RV next to his son's home due to girlfriends' medical issues against city ordinance and has been notified by the city attorney he is to vacate the property. Hoping for direction from the council as he is out of options.

Requests and Presentations

- None

Public Hearings

- None

Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

- Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve Keen Bank resolution. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)
- Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Jason Casey to adopt resolution 24-03: A Resolution Opposing Redesign of the State Flag and Seal. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)



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Reports

1. Ambulance Report – Sarah Sundve, Ambulance Director
 - Ambulance report was presented in writing by Ambulance Director Sundve.
 - Motion was made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Ambulance Department report. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)
2. Fire Department Report – Josh Moen, Fire Chief
 - Fire Department report was presented in writing by Chief Moen
 - Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the purchase of new badges and name plates from the uniform budget at a cost of \$840. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)
 - Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the Fire Department report. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)
3. Police Department Report – Chief Bruegger
 - Police Department report was presented by Chief Bruegger.
 - Motion made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Police Department report. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

1. Administrator Martens provided an update on the hydrology study

New Business

1. Home Serve Program
 - i. Administrator Martens provided information regarding an insurance program for homeowners. The city would receive 10% kick back on premiums.
 - ii. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve entering into a contract for the Home Serve program. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)
2. Compensation Plan Update
 - i. Administrator Martens provided information regarding possible updates to the compensation plan. Council will address at the next meeting.
3. Well Update
 - i. Administrator Martens provided an update on wells that need to be repaired for quality operation.
 - ii. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to approve \$33,837 to Thein Well and Delane Nelson Electric to repair the wells pending any lesser quote. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)
4. Historic Preservation Society Request
 - i. Pam Goehring with the Historical Preservation Society addressed the council hoping that they could repair and restore the canon (actually a gun) in the city park. The society would get funds through grants.
 - ii. Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to allow the Historical Preservation Society to restore the canon at their cost. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)

Miscellaneous

- None



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Administrators Report

- Administrator Martens provided a report in writing to the council on tasks completed since last meeting.
- Motion made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the City Administrators report. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)

Mayor/Council Comments

Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Janda Ferguson. Carried (3 yes, 0 no) 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens
City Administrator