



New Richland City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

July 22nd, 2024

Members Present

Loren Skelton
Ryan Gehrke
Jason Casey
Janda Ferguson
Jody Wynnemer

Staff Present

Shell Johnson-People Service
Bob Johannsen- Care Center Administrator

Others Present

Pam Goehring Larry Goehring
Ethan Hagen Angel Hagen
Robert Swenson e-Dylan Arnold
e-Ben Revermann

Members Absent

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Loren Skelton at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call - All members present

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

- Council Member Wynnemer asked that New Business item #3 be moved to the Reports #3 under Maintenance.
- Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the agenda as amended. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda

- Motion made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the consent agenda Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Public Comments

- None

Requests and Presentations

1. The Steeple Event Center – Ethan & Angel Hagen
 - a. Presentation regarding the purchase of the 1st Congregational Church and the hope to turn it into an event center. Staff directed to work with them and to get them in touch with the EDA and Planning and Zoning to help direct their operations and decision making.

Public Hearings

- None

Ordinances and Resolutions (see attached)

1. Motion made by Jody Wynnemer and seconded by Janda Ferguson to adopt resolution 24-15: A Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the Primary and General Election. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Reports

1. Care Center Report – Bob Johannsen, Care Center Administrator
 - Care Center report was presented by Bob Johannsen
 - Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the Care Center 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 Ryan Gehrke and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve \$2,020 to have Empire Pipe take on an additional problem are and remove some roots while they are in town. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion made by Ryan Gehrke and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve up to \$1,500 to purchase a washer/dryer combo for the WWTP. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)
- Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the People Service report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

3. Maintenance Report – Eric Hendrickson, Maintenance & Utility Supervisor

- Maintenance & Utility Report was presented by Eric Hendrickson
- Council Member Wynnemer said that the Waseca Legion and Waseca VFW would like to help fix up the Pavillion in Legion field. They would like Eric to get some quotes and provide them to Jody. They could help with up to \$10,000.
- Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the Maintenance Department report. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

1. Garbage and Recycling RFP

- a. Motion made by Ryan Gehrke and seconded by Janda Ferguson to approve the RFP for Garbage and Recycling and for the City Administrator to put it out for bid. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

New Business

1. June 2024 Check Register

- a. Motion made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the June 2024 Check Register. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

2. June 2024 Financials

- a. Motion made by Janda Ferguson and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the June 2024 financials. Carried (4 yes, 0 no)

Miscellaneous

1. There will be a county-wide Cannabis Regulation Discussion at the Waseca County East Annex. This meeting will be held on Monday August 19th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Administrators Report

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



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Mayor/Council Comments

- Mayor Skelton shared some comments regarding articles in the most recent MN cities magazine.

Mayor Skelton addressed the council and tendered his resignation as mayor and a member of the council effective this evening. Motion was made by Ryan Gehrke and seconded by Jody Wynnemer to accept the resignation of Mayor Skelton.

A brief discussion was held regarding the transition period.

Motion was made by Ryan Gerke and seconded by Jason Casey to appoint Janda Ferguson as Mayor.
Carried (3 yes, 0)

Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Ryan Gehrke to approve Jody Wynnemer as the second authorized to sign city checks. Carried (3 yes, 0 no)

Adjournment – Motion for adjournment made by Ryan Gehrke and seconded by Janda Ferguson.
Carried (3 yes, 0 no) 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Anthony Martens
City Administrator