

City Council Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, Sean Honer, Larry Siegrist and Sharon Haun, also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Nathan Adams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Denise Hartman

OATH OF OFFICE NEW/RETURNING

City Administrator Nick Jones read the Oath of Office to swear in returning Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger and new Council Member Nathan Adams, along with returning Council Members Jason Booker and Sharon Haun.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

- Dec. 19, 2023, Minutes
- Dec. 19, 2023, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Greenwood Cemetery Wall Repair:**
City Administrator Nick Jones informed the City Council that Hartman Masonry has completed repairs to the Greenwood Cemetery wall.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Proposed Animal Ordinance Changes:**
City Attorney Molly Priest asked the Council their thoughts on the proposed animal ordinance they received at the previous meeting. After some discussion it was decided to table the proposed animal ordinance until the meeting on January 16th to allow the council more time to review it.
- **Ordinance 2263: Valley Vacate**
City Attorney Molly Priest presented Ordinance #2263, which vacates an alley between 302 and 306 South 10th Street, both properties are owned by Roberto Trillo. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve Ordinance #2263 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker.
Motion carried 6 – 0
- **2018 International Code Council Books:**
City Administrator Nick Jones presented the cost in the amount of \$3,965.12 to purchase 3 sets of the 2018 International Code Council Books. Administrator Jones said that the city is currently on 2014 and 2015 codes and the newer books would assist the City Inspector with some of the issues with code enforcement he encounters. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2018 code books. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 6 – 0
- **Mill N Overlay: Belfry to West City Limits:**
City Administrator Nick Jones asked the Council to allow him to move forward with BG Consultants to come up with plans and engineering for Mill N Overlay work from Belfry to the west city limits. The proposed work would be done in 2025. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve moving forward with plans for Mill N Overlay from Belfry to West city limits. The motion was seconded Councilperson Mark Berner.
Motion carried 6 – 0

• **Executive Session – Non – Elected Employees**

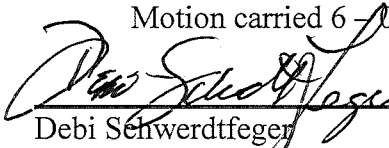
Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Non-elected Employees. Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes and to include the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and City Administrator. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun Motion carried 6 – 0.

Upon returning a motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to approve amend the City Administrators contract with the addition of a bi-annual review. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 6 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – Thanked Larry Siegrist for his service to the city.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – Thanked Larry Siegrist for his service to the city.
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – Thanked Larry Siegrist for his service to the city.
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Thanked Larry Siegrist for his service to the city.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Thanked Larry Siegrist for his service to the city.
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Thanked Larry Siegrist for his service to the city.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – Absent
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – Thanked Larry Siegrist for his service to the city.
Announced that the Council Grove Area Foundation received \$18,644 in donation during match month. The CGAF matched with \$7,047.10 for a total of \$25,691.10

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Larry Siegrist seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 – 0



Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 

Nick Jones City Administrator

