

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Sean Honer, Larry Siegrist and Sharon Haun, also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney Molly Priest and Brian Henderson. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Marie Holmes, John Weinecke, Christina Schumacher, Ryan McDonald, Pastor Billy Kryger and Taylor Adams.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Billy Kryger

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Jan Sciacca addressed the City Council concerns vehicle and semi traffic speeds in the 300 block of Downtown Council Grove and requested a stronger police presence to slow traffic down. City Administrator Nick Jones said he would speak to Police Chief Shawn Wangerin regarding the issue.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 – 0. The consent agenda consisted of:

- Oct. 17, 2023, Minutes
- Oct. 17, 2023, to Current Appropriations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Safe Routes to School: Update**  
City Administrator Jones gave an update on the Safe Routes to School project and informed the Council that all of the temporary easements have been acquired. Administrator Jones said the project will let in late January with a project start day of middle May or June.
- **Greenwood Cemetery Rockwall: Update**  
City Administrator Nick Jones reported the Hartman Masonry was finishing up another job in town and plan to start work on the Greenwood Cemetery wall repairs in a couple weeks.
- **Mill N' Overlay: 4<sup>th</sup> Street to East City Limits:**  
City Administrator Nick Jones updated the Council on the Mill N' Overlay project from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the east city limits. Administrator Jones said the city received a \$400,000 grant from KDOT to cover some of the cost of the estimated \$505,000 project cost. The matching portion for the \$105,000 will come from CCLIP money received from the State for gas tax.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Maria Holmes – Keeping Goats in Town:**  
Maria Holmes addressed the City Council to request permission to keep two dwarf goats at her home located on the east side of town. Mrs. Holmes said the two dwarf goats are used as emotional support animals for one of her family members. City Attorney Brian Henderson recommended that the Council revisit ordinance #2104 and update it. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to allow Mrs. Holmes to keep the Dwarf goats for 90 days as the city reviews and updates ordinance #2104. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0
- **City Lake Committee Recommendation: K-3**  
The City Lake Committee recommends the City Council approve a request for a 15-foot variance on the lakeside of the cabin to the standard water level for Vera's Inc. K-3, 220 South Shore Road. The construction of the new cabin will not restrict or interfere with the neighboring cabins or access to the area. After discussion Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the recommendation from the City Lake Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion Carried 5 – 0

• **Police Committee Recommendation: Fleet 3 ALPR License, 1 Camera**

The Police and Fire Committee recommends the Council approve the software for the new Police car cameras. The city received a \$9,300 grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant towards the purchase of license plate reading software for the new camera systems in the Police units. The total cost of the software is \$19,825.14. The city would make a payment of \$9,300 the first year and \$2,631.25 over the next 4 years. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Police and Fire Committee recommendation with funds coming from the grant and the computer fund. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0

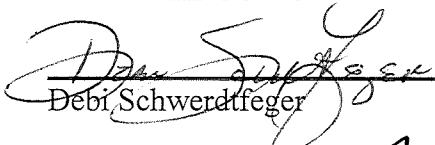
• **Streets and Parks Committee Recommendation:**

The Streets and Parks Committee recommended the City Council approve 7-year leases with Caterpillar for CAT Skid Steer 259D3 in the amount of \$13,158.82 per year and CAT Mini Excavator 304-07 in the amount of \$ 14,196.98. All parts and services will be covered by Caterpillar. Councilperson Mark Berner said that the company he works for can't match the lease agreement from Caterpillar and that it is a very good lease agreement. A motion was made by Councilperson Sean Honer to approve the 7-year lease with Caterpillar with money coming from the Streets and Parks department for the Skid Steer and splitting the cost the mini-excavator between Streets and Parks and Water and Sewer. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0

**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – said she was excited about the upcoming Candlelight Charm and encouraged people to attend the Veterans of Comedy at Canvas. Wished candidates well in the city election.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – Absent
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – N/A
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Excited about all the stuff happening downtown and looking forward to Candlelight Charm.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said good luck to all the candidate's luck in the election.

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sean Honer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0

  
Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:   
Nick Jones City Administrator

