

City Council Meeting Minutes
April 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, and Nathan Adams also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Brian Henderson and Molly Priest, Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Josh Sciacca, Jim Crosby, Pastor Billy Kryger, Deidra Knight, Lindsay Gant, Bryan Zeigler, Mary Yoder, Ryan McDonald.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Billy Kryger

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4 – 0 Councilperson Hartman was not present. The consent agenda consisted of:

- March 19, 2024, Minutes
- March 19, 2024, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Update: Mill N Overlay – 4th Street to East City Limits**
City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that Shilling Construction will start the Mill N Overlay starting at 4th Street headed east to the city limits and then turning around and heading west back to 4th street. Shilling anticipates being done by May 1 with mill n overlay and striping work.
- **Update: Water/Sewer Funding**
City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that Brian Foster with BG Consultants had meant with Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige in order to come up with a large project total of 3.3 to 3.5 million. Administrator Jones also said the deadline to apply for funding is May 15. Administrator Jones said he will contact Brian Foster and invite him to the next Council meeting to go over the project.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Special/Community Events Application: Time Stands Still Event**
Deidre Knight representing Riverbank Brewery spoke to the Council regarding their application for a special event at the Riverwalk Amphitheater. Mrs. Knight said the event is “Time Stands Still” and is scheduled for August 10th and will have Country music act Wyatt Flores performing. Mrs. Knight also said there would be a food vendor with several different types of food, and that there will be a crew to perform clean up at the end of the event. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the application request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion carried 4 – 0. Councilperson Hartman was not present.
- **City Hall Deck Replacement:**
City Administrator Nick Jones said the deck on City Hall is in need of replacement as the deck is in bad shape. Administrator Jones estimated that it would cost between \$8,000 - \$10,000 to replace the deck. Administrator Jones said composite decking he recommends replacing the deck with. Administrator Jones said he has spoken with Adams Lumber, and they are getting a bid put together. Councilperson Jason Booker asked about another local contractor and if we had reached out to him. Administrator Jones said he would.
- **City Hall Computer Software Upgrade: Discussion**
City Administrator Nick Jones said he had meant with GWorks, who the city’s software provider, and went through a demo of their new software. Administrator Jones said that the software has not been updated sense 2017 when he started. The new software would improve the efficiency of City Hall and add software for the City Inspector position. This will also allow for Utility billing to be emailed to the customers instead of sending paper copies saving on postage and time. Administrators Jones said cost of the new software is

\$16,308 with a one-time onboarding cost of \$3,000. Administrator Jones said the funds for the new software could be paid out of the computer fund, which has approximately \$59,000. After discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the new software with the cost coming from the computer fund. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 5 – 0

• **Executive Session Attorney Client Privilege – City Lake – Pat Riordan**

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to go in to Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege with Attorney Pat Riordan for 30 minutes to include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney's. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion carried 5 – 0. No action was taken.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – N/A
- **Councilperson Nathan Adams** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – said he would like to see a place for the youth entrepreneurs to setup for Washunage Days.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said that the concept drawing that was submitted to the KDOT Alternative Transportation for streetscape was received well and that he has received a email from KDOT asking the city to submit and application for funding of the project, which is due my May 17th.

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Denise Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0



Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 

Nick Jones City Administrator

