

City Council Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2023

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Sharon Haun, Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman and Sean Honer, also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones, City Attorney Brian Henderson, Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest. Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Arthur Wells, Karen Exon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Denise Hartman

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Arthur Wells addressed the City Council concerning maintenance at Greenwood Cemetery and what is done other than mowing and weed eating. Mr. Wells said he visits the cemetery frequently and noticed that plastic flowers were mowed over and not cleaned up, bush were mowed over. Councilperson Denise Hartman suggested that some type of reminder of the importance of cemetery and what it means to family's.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- June 20, 2023, Minutes
- June 20, 2023, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Safe Routes to School**

City Administrator Nick Jones updated the City Council regarding Safe Routes to School and the initial contact information being sent out for temporary easements to the residents that will be receiving new sidewalks as part of the program. Administrator Jones said there are 43 property owners that will receive the mailing and once an agreement has been made it will allow access for the construction of the sidewalks. The current plan is to get acquisitions of the temporary easements and start construction in the Summer of 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Executive Session: City Owner Property/Katy Depot**

Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to go into Executive Session for City owner property regarding the Katy Depot for 20 minutes to include the City Council, Mayor, Administrator, and City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0. No Action was taken when meeting resumed.

• **Executive Session: Non-Elected Employee Evaluation**

Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to go into Executive Session for Non-Elected Employee Evaluation for 15 minutes to include the Mayor and City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion Carried 5 – 0. No Action was taken when meeting resumed.

• **City Employee Merit Raises:**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation for Employee Merit Raises. Below are the employees recommended to receive merit raise increases after completion of yearly evaluations. Employees not listed have either received a promotion or pay increase or have not been employed with the city for 1 year. The city budgeted \$24,000 for pay increases for 2023. The Utilities Department merit raises are funded through Water and Sewer. Effective July 1, 2023 The Council agreed to give Utilities Superintendent Derek Craige a 3% raise. Administrator Jones said that Superintendent Craige and his crew did an outstanding job of managing the water plant while the water tower was out of service being refurbished. Mayor Schwerdtfeger said the Council had agreed to raise Administrator Jones incrementally and review his salary again after

he completes his master's degree next April. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to approve the merit raises. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5 – 0

Utilities Department:

- **Derrick Craige**
- **David Siemers**
- **Michael Stover**
- **John Veh**

Streets and Parks Department:

- **Jeff Barbo**
- **Rodney Yowell**
- **Allen Blosser**
- **Mark Meador**
- **Dale Everett**
- **Wyatt Miller**

Police Department:

- **Shawn Wangerin**
- **Jason Bacon**
- **Terry Lif**
- **Jimmy Blackburn**
- **Markese Godley**
- **Jonathon Mayhill**

Recreation Department:

- **Justin Carlson**

City Hall:

- **Nick Jones**
- **Theresa Drube**
- **Lisa Good**
- **Dan Drube**
- **Megan Weaver**

- **Budget Work Session: Schedule Meeting Date**

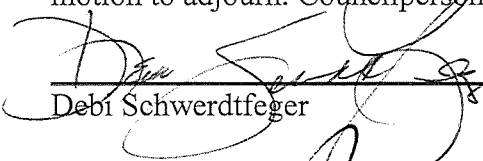
City Administrator Nick Jones suggested to the City Council that a Work Session be scheduled for July 6 at 5:30pm in City Hall. Administrator Jones said the budget was ready for review. A motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 5 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – Looking forward to the 4th.
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Denise Hartman** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – asked if Marina has taken the aquatic nuisance test. Administrator Jones said he would check with the Marina.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – Absent
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – inquired if she would need to help with handing out ice cream sandwiches for the City's 4th of July Event. Administrator Jones said he would need her help. Councilperson Denise Hartman also volunteered to help.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – asked the Council if they would have any issues with Fireworks being shot off on Friday June 30th since it was the Friday before July 1st Ordinance allows. City Attorney Brian Henderson said the Council could not legislate a change, but that Administrator Jones could talk to the Police Chief and advise his Officers to be lenient.

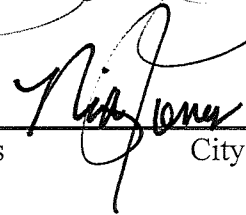
Adjournment:

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

