

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Sean Honer Nathan Adams, and Sharon Haun also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney's Brian Henderson, Molly Priest, Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Marty Wright, Ryan McDonald, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Karen Exon, Pastor Billy Kryger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

INVOCATION:

PASTOR BILLY KRYGER

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- August 3, 2024, Minutes
- August 3, 2024, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfers: B-33, A-5

OLD BUSINESS

• **Safe Routes to School: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that the Safe Routes to School project is scheduled to start on September 3rd and said he had a pre-con meeting in Marion at the KDOT building this past Friday. Bettis Construction will have 85 working days to complete the project and 25 days for cleanup. Bettis Construction plans to start on the West side of town by the High School.

• **LMI Survey: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that the LMI survey is going well with about 40% of the city complete. Western Consultants hopes to have the surveys finished up by 9/15 or earlier.

• **KDOT Alternative Transportation Grant – Downtown Street Scape: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that award recommendations were submitted to the KDOT Secretary's office for review and final approval at the end of July for the KDOT Alternative Transportation Grant. Awards were supposed to be announced mid-August, and the anticipated announcement date is late September/October as the award will most likely be announced through a media event.

• **KDOT Surface Preservation Project – Belfry to West City Limits: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that Council Grove was awarded a \$400,000 KDOT surface preservation project funding to resurface from Belfry to the west city limits. Administrator Jones said the funding is for the budget year 2027. The project will be done in 2026 as the 2027 budget year from KDOT starts in July of each year.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Office Committee Recommendation: Appointment of Laura Viar**

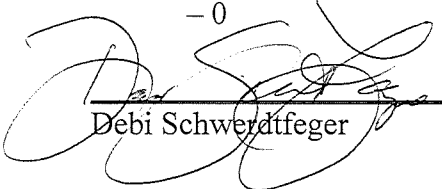
Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read a recommendation from the Office Committee to appoint Laura Viar to Municipal Judge at a pay rate of \$900 per month. This appointment will take effect on October 1, 2024. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner to appoint Laura Viar to Municipal Judge. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 5 – 0

- **Executive Session: Attorney Client Privilege – City Lake – Pat Rioden**
Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege for City Lake with Attorney Pat Rioden and to include the Mayor, City Council, City Attorneys, and City Administrator for 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 5 – 0
- **Executive Session: Attorney Client Privilege – Data Relating to Financial Affairs of an outside corporation:**
Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to go into Executive Session: Attorney Client Privilege for Data Relating to Financial Affairs of an outside corporation to include the Mayor, City Council, City Attorneys, and City Administrator for 20 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 5 – 0

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – Thanks Pastor Billy Kryger for doing the invocation.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – N/A
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – Absent
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – N/A
- **Councilperson Nathan Adams** – Thanks Riverbank Brewery having an awesome concert in town.
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – N/A
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – Absent
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said that H-3 Fishing will have it annual tournament on September 8th at the City Lake.
- Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Nathan Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0

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Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 

Nick Jones City Administrator

