

City Council Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2021

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Keith Wessel, Mark Brooks, Sharon Haun, Larry Siegrist, City Administrator Nick Jones, and City Attorney Bill Halvorsen were also present. Others attending were Mindy Andres, Marcus Hernandez, John Scarce, Lindsay Hickman, Deidra Knight.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Sharon Haun 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:

- Dec. 21, 2021, Minutes
- Dec. 21, 2021, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A
 - Application for Retail Liquor by the Package and Club Liquor License
 - Hays House, Twin Lakes Liquor, 1881 Liquors
 - Application for License to Sell Cereal Male Beverages in original containers not for consumption on licensed premises
 - Saddlerock Café
 - Application for License to Sell Cereal Male Beverages for consumption on premises
 - SaddleRock Café

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- **Superior Systems – John Scarce**
John Scarce with Superior Systems addressed the City Council requesting a rate increase for trash service. Scarce said the rate increase was needed due to inflation and rising cost.
Requested Increase Rate:
\$0.3461 (Amount of Rate Increase Weekly)
\$1.50 (Amount of Rate Increase Monthly)
\$18.00 (Amount of Rate Increase Yearly)
Current Inside City Limits 2021
 - \$14.26Proposed Inside City Limits 2022
 - \$15.76Current Outside City Limits 2021
 - \$14.00Proposed Outside City Limits 2022
 - \$15.50After discussion Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the rate increase for Superior Systems. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Brooks.
Motion Carried 5 – 0.
- **Story Media – Riverwalk Amphitheater Webpage – Deidra Knight and Lindsay Hickman**
Deidra Knight and Lindsey Hickman with Story Media presented to the City Council the website for the Riverwalk Amphitheater. Included in the presentation a draft of the rental contract with the fees and rental deposit. Mayor Schwerdtfeger said she did not think the deposit was enough. After some discussion it was agreed the rental deposit would match the cost of renting the facility. Councilperson Mark Brooks asked about any liability the city may have if someone was to get injured. Administrator Jones said the city insurance would cover small events, but large events would need to have their own insurance. Administrator Jones said he will also follow up with Tyner Insurance.
- **Lake Committee Recommendation – H-S1**
City Administrator Nick Jones presented the Lake Committee Recommendation to the City Council. The City Lake Committee recommends the approval of a variance request of 6' to the 100' high water setback for the construction of a covered deck for Scott & Beth McGinn, H-S1. The extension will not restrict or interfere with the neighboring cabins or access to the area. The neighboring leasehold are aware of this request and have indicated such in writing.

After discussion Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the Lake Committee recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist. Motion Carried 4-1 with Councilperson Mark Brooks be opposed.

- **Utilities Department Recommendation – Hourly Rate**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the Utilities Department to the City Council which, recommends changing the starting pay from \$14.00 an hour to \$15.00 an hour effective January 1, 2022, to compete with other employers in the area. After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Jason Booker to approve the increase. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Keith Wessel

- **Utilities Department Recommendation**

City Administrator Nick Jones presented the recommendation from the Utilities Department to the City Council which, recommends pay increases for the following employees to create separation with the new starting wage for the Utilities Department effective January 1, 2022.

- Jesse Pavek:
 - Current hourly wage: \$14.50
 - New hourly wage: \$15.50
- David Siemers
 - Current hourly wage: \$15.78
 - New hourly wage: \$16.78
- Michael Stover
 - Current hourly wage: \$14.00
 - New hourly wage: \$15.00

After discussion a motion was made by Councilperson Sharon Haun to approve the Utilities Department recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Brooks. Motion carried 5 – 0

- **Utilities Department Recommendation**

Mayor Schwerdtfeger presented the recommendation from the Utilities Department to the City Council which, recommends the appointment of Nathan Ross to Utilities Department Apprentice at an hourly pay of \$15.00. The appointment is contingent on passing a physical and drug and alcohol screening. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Utilities Department recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 5- 0

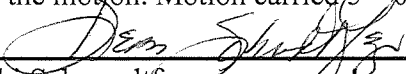
- **Executive Session – City Lake**

Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to go into executive session concerning the City Lake, which include the City Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and City Administrator for 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Larry Siegrist. Motion Carried 5 - 0. On returning to the Council meeting no action was taken.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – Wished all a Merry Christmas and said that Jennings Street and Sunset Drive are in need of road repair and need to be looked at.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – Absent
- **Councilperson Keith Wessel** – Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Councilmen Wessel also thanked the Streets and Parks Department for all their work on the limb pickup from the windstorm.
- **Councilperson Mark Brooks** – said that the cottonwood tree on Sunset was needing trimming. Councilperson Brooks also said he hoped the Council will continue to move forward with plans for camping spots in town and at the City Lake.
- **Councilperson Larry Siegrist** – N/A
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Wished everyone a Happy Holidays and said that the City had a great year.
- **City Attorney Bill Halvorsen** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – Wished all a Merry Christmas and said that he felt the council had done a lot of good work to move the city in the right direction one the year.
- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** –N/A

Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nick Jones City Administrator

