City Council Meeting Minutes September 20, 2022

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Keith Wessel, Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Sean Honer, Larry Siegrist, Sharon Haun also present were City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Brian Henderson. Others attending were Jan Sciaca, Angie Schwerdtfeger.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Angie Schwerdtfeger representing Pride ask the Council to allow them to decorate the light poles Downtown with corn stalks for the Fall events coming up. The Council granted permission for Pride to decorate the light poles Downtown.

Angie Schwerdtfeger representing the Chamber (Destination Council Grove) informed the Council about the TEFFI grant that could be used for street scaping on the eastside of town. Mrs. Schwerdtfeger asked if the city applying for the grant would affect their chances with the Base Grant the city applied for. City Administrator Nick Jones indicted it was possible. Mrs. Schwerdtfeger asked if the Council had any issue with the Chamber applying for the grant and the Council granted permission to allow the Chamber to apply for the TEFFI grant. Mrs. Schwerdtfeger also talked to the Council about Pride refurbishing the old planters and trash cans.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- September 6, 2022, Minutes
- September 6, 2022, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfer: N/A
- Renewal for Club Liquor License Riverbank Brewery

OLD BUSINESS

• Water Tower Update:

City Administrator Nick Jones gave the Council and update on the city's water tower and informed them that Viking Industrial Painting has started metal work on the water tower and hoped to get started on the exterior painting and then move onto the inside to refinish the inside of the tank. Administrator Jones said that the Water Department has a rotating schedule ready to go for when the Water Plant will run 24/7 to produce water when the tower is drained to refinish the inside of the tank.

NEW BUSINESS

• <u>City Audit – Cindy Jensen:</u>

Cindy Jensen presented the Council the 2021 city audit. Mrs. Jensen said there were not issues with the audit and the one thing she had concerns about with all the adjustments in previous audit's has improved. Mrs. Jensen said the city will need to have a plan in place for projects to use the funds in the Capital Improvement Reserve. Mrs. Jensen said the city's cash on hand at the end of 2021 was \$5.3 million comparted to the previous year of \$4.7 million.

• Ordinance #2255: Providing Notice, Penalty, and Fee for Violation of Section 8-510 Disposal of Grass Clippings:

City Attorney Brian Henderson presented the Council with proposed ordinance #2255 regarding providing notice, penalty, and fee for violation of section 8-510. City Attorney Henderson said the violator will be giving 24hrs to clean up the clippings. If not cleaned up the violator would be charge \$100 penalty for each day the violation continues or occurs. If the City must come clean up the clippings it will be an additional \$150 penalty Councilperson Larry Siegrist brought up that the new ordinance conflicts with city code section 8-101. City Attorney Brian Henderson asked the Council to allow him to go back and and take out any conflicting information and present it at the next Council meeting.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked the Council for a date that would for to have a work session regarding projects. After discussion it was decided that Tuesday Sept. 27th at 5pm in Study Hall. Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the work session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion Carried 6 0
- Councilperson Jason Booker N/A
- Councilperson Mark Berner N/A

- Councilperson Keith Wessel N/A
- Councilperson Sean Honer said he spoke to City Inspector regarding a complaint about items in the alley and said the Inspector would take care of it.
- Councilperson Larry Siegrist N/A
- Councilperson Sharon Haun N/A
- City Attorney Brian Henderson N/A
- City Administrator Nick Jones N/A

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sean Honer seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0

Debi Schwerdtfeger

Mayor

ATTEST:

Nick Jones

City Administrator

