

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
January 10, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Patrick J. Milliren.

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Hayden, Hooker, Menke, Roesler, Weisenbeck, and Weishapple. Also Present: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, Police Chief Ridgeway, Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Co-Director Bignell. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Hooker and seconded by Council Member Hayden to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Scheduled Appearances:** None

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from December 27, 2023 and a bartender license for Andrew L Hayden at Spot Bar. Motion by Council Member Weisenbeck, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve Regular Council Meeting minutes from December 27, 2023 and a bartender license for Andrew L Hayden at Spot Bar as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote with Council Member Hooker abstained.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. The Mayor is working with Administrator Rasmussen on the Economic Development letters for the downtown area. The 2023 budget update will be at the next meeting. There will be a closed session at the first meeting in February. The Mayor will be meeting with the Swim Club to discuss the donors.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Rasmussen gave an update City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the Economic Development letters. He reminded everyone that the tax bill are due by the end of January. We did not add a reminder for the pet licenses, just a reminder that they are due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Clerk Morgan discussed the Spring Election candidates.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update on Police Department. The new Full-time Police Officer began some training today, he will begin on Monday. Chief Ridgeway discussed the Explorer's Program, there are some major changes to the program. Sergeant Schellhorn has been signed up for training.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King gave the November report for the Fire Department. There were 7 calls in December. A new firefighter was hired. The new brush truck should be ready by February. The generator at the Fire Hall needs to be replaced, it is no longer working. Fundraising has begun.

**Ambulance Department:** Co-Director Bignell was present to give the December Ambulance report. There were 28 911 calls, and 28 of those calls were made. There was 1 transfer requests and 1 transfer were made. They received 2 new applicants that are already certified.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** Engineer R. Kiviniemi gave an update of City projects. The Swimming Pool Project paperwork has begun. The Madison Street project is out for bid, the bid opening will be January 18<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue E project bidding will begin in February, with a bid opening in March.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update on the department – the new loader arrived on Monday. He also reminded everyone of the snow plowing and parking rules. A Public Works Committee was set up for Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Weishapple to approve the vouchers presented #29284 – 29337 in the amount of \$768,320.24. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next meeting is a Public Works Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 5:30 pm. and a Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weishapple at 7:12 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk