

Mayor Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher, Lee, Ross and Sandow were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Police Chief Klatt, Fire Chief Holden, PW Director Caress, Library Director Karlson, Josh Miller, Lynn McIntyre, Jess Olson, Bruce Curran, Justin Kramer, Anna Mewis, Betsy Schug and Carlton DeWitt.

DeGross moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 Regular meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Sandow moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Public Comment submitted by Anna Mewis was read.

There was no summer rec report.

In the Library report, Director Karlson reported they have a new computer in the children's area which was donated by the Friends of the Library, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program has kicked off and there are several upcoming summer programs.

In the Public Works report, Caress stated his department has been busy doing utility locates for Nextgen's project, he is going to purchase a new mower for the tractor, a replacement broom motor for the sweeper is on order and he would like the council to consider hiring an outside company to exercise and locate water main valves.

A written Police report was submitted and Chief Klatt stated his department's training requirements have been completed for the year and they are prepping for the fair and moving forward with junk enforcement around town.

In the Clerk-Treasurer's report Rosenow stated the pool is open for the season and so far there are roughly 120 kids signed up for swimming lessons.

In the Mayor's report, Unruh stated he'd like to have the Public Works committee get together for a preliminary discussion regarding snow removal for businesses in town and also would like to arrange a full council meeting to do a walk-through of city properties to set some future budget priorities.

In Old Business, general consensus was to have a couple local realtors look at the saddle club, old school and old library properties and to attempt to sell them by listing with a realtor.

In New Business, Ross moved and DeGross seconded a motion to allow the Rustic Lore Committee to use the municipal building parking lot as a fund raiser during the proposed times for fair parking. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

Fire Chief Holden updated the council on some costly repairs that have been needed to fire engines and equipment in the past couple months. He reiterated the need to prepare for a replacement engine stating that a new truck would take 4-5 years to get after it is ordered, but they are very costly, so he is attempting to work with a department in Savage MN on a 2006 engine. Estimates for an engine that old would still be between \$80,000 – 90,000.

Josh Miller of Cedar Corporation explained briefly that in reviewing a proposed site plan submitted by Mike Barstad for an additional commercial building, that his business is located in the Industrial zone, which does not allow auto repair as an allowed use. This was most likely an oversight in the code from many years ago and presumably addressed in an original developer's agreement, but no copy of the agreement can be found. The recommendation to bring things into compliance would be to change the zoning code to fix the issues of the allowed use and to refer that to the Planning Commission which will meet June 28th. Sandow moved and Kletscher seconded a motion approve the site plan for Mike Barstad contingent upon the zoning ordinance updates being approved. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

Miller explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals had recently granted James (Pete) Johnston a variance to build a new cold storage building at his business location but the variance was contingent upon recording a new CSM which would combine all three of his existing lots. The approval of the CSM will be acted upon at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting. It was recommended that the site plan for the new building be approved contingent upon the recording of the CSM. Kletscher moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve the site plan with the contingency. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Mayor Unruh presented Brandon Cassellius and Jim Ross as alternate members on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Sandow moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the appointments. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve new and renewal 2023-2024 Liquor, Tobacco and Operator's License applications. Voice vote carried with Kletscher abstaining.

Lee moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve Temporary Class "B" licenses for Girls Rule Summer Softball June 21-23, 2023; June 30-July 2, 2023; July 21-22, 2023. Voice vote carried with Kletscher abstaining.

Sandow agreed to look at swimming pool fencing requirements and the topic would be discussed at the June 28th Special meeting.

PW Director Caress informed the council that the chemical scale is not working in wellhouse #3 but he did not yet have a price for a SCADA compatible replacement so the item was tabled until he has that information.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Voice vote carried.

No further discussion regarding sale of City properties.

Mayor Unruh asked the parties interested in the open council seat to give a brief statement. Jess Olson, Bruce Curran and Justin Kramer all spoke and Mayor Unruh stated that Terri Ross was out of town but was still interested in the appointment. After hearing the statements, the council voted by written ballot, with Olson receiving the most votes. Lee moved and Ross seconded a motion to appoint Jess Olson to the vacant seat. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk Treasurer