

In Mayor Unruh's absence, Councilperson DeGross called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons Kletscher, Lee, Olson and Ross were present. Sandow was absent. Also present were CT Rosenow, Police Chief Klatt, Fire Chief Holden, Library Director Karlson, Officer McGrane, Attorney Lindquist, Lynn McIntyre, Jacob Maes, John Lindelof, Bryan Cress, Greg Adams and Carlton DeWitt.

Kletscher moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Olson moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 Regular meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

DeGross moved and Olson 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 the summer reading program is almost done, they have had several programs in the last month and local author Sue Berg will be visiting the library September 14th. Imagination Library has just shy of 50 kids enrolled and the library has received a donation of 500 glasses for viewing the upcoming solar eclipses.

In the Public Works report, Caress informed the council that he and Chief Klatt have met with a resident about an overgrown lawn and wanted them to be aware that unless there is substantial progress with the clean-up, the City will have to take action. Caress also reported that the two flow meters at the lagoon were struck by lightning so may have to be replaced and he is getting estimates on repairing storm drains.

A written Police report was submitted and Chief Klatt stated National Night Out was a big success, but informed the council that the funds that have been used for the event have been depleted, so funding will need to be addressed if the city continues to host the event.

Clerk-Treasurer Rosenow reported that due to staffing issues, the pool had been closed for the season. The availability of lifeguards was briefly discussed and it was stated the issue would need to be looked at prior to the season next year. On a positive note, Rosenow reported over 140 kids took lessons at the pool this summer.

There was no Mayor's report.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, Ross moved and Lee seconded a motion to give the budgeted \$2,000 donation to the Rustic Lore Committee. Voice vote carried with all present voting yes.

DeGross explained that for the past several years, no formal action has been taken to approve the street closures for Rustic Lore Days, but with Chief Klatt being new, he felt it was a good idea to do so this year. Lee moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to approve the street closures, which are

detailed in the previously approved picnic license for the Rustic Lore Committee. Voice vote carried.

Fire Chief Holden updated the council on some recent large expenditures for the department which were the result of an engine needing repairs and the need to purchase new Class A uniform jackets for some members that did not have them.

Chief Klatt explained that the vet clinic in town will no longer quarantine dogs and, if a lost dog was reported, an officer would need to come in to find the dog and the city did not have a place to board it until the owners were found, so Klatt presented a contract with an animal control service to take on these responsibilities. Klatt explained that the only cost to the city for the service was to pay a portion of the company's liability policy, which is split between all the municipalities under contract and in the past has not exceeded \$70/year. Kletscher moved and Olson seconded a motion to enter into a contract for animal control with Dedicated Animal Control Services LLC as long as annual cost did not exceed \$200.00. Voice vote carried with Lee voting no.

PW Director Caress explained that one of the chemical scales which measures chlorine for the water system is not working. He also indicated that the scale for fluoride is the same age as the chlorine scale and neither are SCADA compatible. Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to replace both scales from Hawkins Water Treatment Group at a cost of \$7,554.40 plus labor. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Lee moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02 Allowing for the Treasurer to Retain Overpayments and Waive Underpayments. CT Rosenow explained that without such an ordinance, minute overpayments legally had to be returned or underpayments needed to be attempted to be collected. The proposed ordinance would allow waiver of anything less than \$5.00. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

Olson moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve permanently changing city hall office hours to 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Friday. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

Kletscher moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve dog park expenses up to \$3,806.08, which is the amount of donations that have been collected for the project. Voice vote carried.

Chief Klatt noted that the Operator's License application for Rebecca L Baumgartner was not complete when turned in but the background check he completed would not result in a recommendation to deny. Lee moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve Operator's License applications for Devynn J Olson, Joan I Bartz, David R Bartz, Randy C Hansen, Heidi E Kletscher, and Kalista M Hoyt, but not for Rebecca L Baumgartner, due to the incomplete application. Voice vote showed Lee, Ross and DeGross voting yes, Kletscher and Olson abstaining. Attorney Lindquist pointed out that if two abstained, there is not a quorum voting and no applications would be approved. Lindquist advised that Olson would not need to abstain from the vote, even though one of the applicants were her daughter, as it would not be a conflict of interest. A new vote was taken and all present voted yes, with Kletscher abstaining. Motion carried.

Lee moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve Temporary Class "B" License and Temporary Operator's License applications for Glen Hills Lions Club September 8-10, 2023 and GC FFA Alumni for September 8-9, 2023. Voice vote carried with Kletscher abstaining.

At 7:36 p.m. Lee moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to enter into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) Competitive or Bargaining Reasons: Deliberating of or negotiating for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; potential sale of city properties. Roll call vote showed DeGross, Kletscher, Lee, Olson and Ross voting yes.

At 8:38 p.m. Lee moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to accept the offer on 127 Pine St, the old library. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes. Motion carried.

Olson moved and Ross seconded a motion to have city realtor John Lindelof prepare a counter offer based on closed session discussion on the saddle club property. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

No action was taken on the hill school property at this time.

At 8:44 p.m. Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk Treasurer