

Mayor Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher, Lee, Olson, Ross and Sandow were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Police Chief Klatt, PW Director Caress, Fire Chief Holden, Library Director Karlson, Officer McGrane, Lynn McIntyre, John Lindelof and Carlton DeWitt.

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

Kletscher moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 Regular meeting and the August 29, 2023 Special 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.

There were no Public Comments.

There was no summer rec report.

In the Library report, Director Karlson reported they are starting a monthly newsletter, resuming story time at the school on October 4th, hosting a spaghetti supper fundraiser to benefit the Imagination Library program September 21st and there were close to 700 patron visits in the month of August.

In the Public Works report, Caress informed the council that sewer mains have been cleaned and two trouble spots were identified. One main can be lined and he is still checking on options for repairing the second spot. Caress stated the electrical service may need to be updated at the concession stand at city field and the '08 dump truck is in the county shop for repairs to the hydraulic pump.

A written Police report was submitted and Chief Klatt stated there were no major issues at Rustic Lore and he and Officer McGrane would be out for three days of training.

Clerk-Treasurer Rosenow reported that the new Hey Gov online payment option has been rolled out and there is a link on the city website for people to make payments for utility bills.

In the Mayor's report, Unruh thanked all the departments for their work in helping to make a successful Rustic Lore celebration, stated he and his family enjoyed participating in the parade and suggested all councilpersons participate next year.

In Old Business, McIntyre informed the council that a representative from the DOT will be out September 26th to evaluate the driveway situation at the saddle club property and they have indicated they may allow a new residential driveway to be installed. It was learned that Kevin Oium will be returning as the city's engineer from Cedar Corp and he will be looking at the right of way questions that have been brought up at the old school property.

In New Business, Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to file a simplified rate case application with the Public Service Commission. Voice vote carried with all present voting yes.

DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 Requesting application for exemption from county library tax. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

After considerable discussion regarding snow removal in the City, Sandow moved and Olson seconded a motion to add the following wording to the City's snow removal ordinance: For parcels or lots located from Second Street to Water Street on Oak Street and from Maple Street to Elm Street on First Street, where existing buildings are constructed adjacent to the sidewalks to the curb-line, the owners, occupants and/or employees of parcels or lots located along these streets shall be permitted to deposit snow and ice from their sidewalks onto the public streets before 6:00 a.m. Voice vote showed Councilpersons DeGross, Olson, Ross and Sandow voting yes, Lee voting no and Kletscher abstaining. Motion carried.

Sandow moved and Ross seconded a motion to approve Operator's License application for Jennifer A McMartin. Voice vote carried with all present voting yes, with Kletscher abstaining.

A Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss 2024 budget will be held October 4th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk Treasurer