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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF GOVERNING BODY
January 11, 2024
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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| Tim Pralle | X | Judd McCormack | X |
| Matt Ruhnke | X | Spencer Parsons | X |
| Jeremy Holliday | X | Debby Werth | X |

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023, and November 2023 Financial Statement

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the consenting agenda.

Debby Werth seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Appoint New Mayor and City Council Members

Debby Werth took her Oath as Mayor.

Matt Ruhnke and Spencer Parsons took their Oath as Council Members.

Mayor Debby Werth stated that she would like to appoint Tim Pralle to City Council to finish her term. Tim Pralle accepted.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to accept Debby's appointment for Tim Pralle to fill the Council position to finish Debby Werth's term.

Spencer Parsons seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

Judd McCormack made a motion to nominate Matt Ruhnke for Council President. Matt Ruhnke accepted.

Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. City Hall Land – Update

No update at this time.

b. Second Street – Sewer Cleaning

A quote was presented to City Council for sewer cleaning mobilization. This quote had two options with different options.

The difference on options was the amount of mobilization that would be done. Option 2 would get all of the older sewer

systems done in town, at the price of \$41,100.00. This would help the council have an idea of what the sewer

infrastructure is like and be able to budget for areas that need fixed before they start working on replacing streets.

Judd McCormack made a motion to move forward with MAYER Option 2.

Tim Pralle seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

c. Dara's – Sewer

NO update at this time.

d. Dogs – Cruelty/Noise

The City Attorney presented the city council with a sample ordinance to review for the next regular meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Barb/Shane Kolde – Railroad Crossing for Camp Park - South Jackson St

Barb Kohlde addressed the council about the RV Camping area by the boat ramp that her son is wanting to put in. She was

wondering if the City has been able to contact the railroad about tracks and fixing the approach so that you would be able

to get an RV over them. The council told her that they had no luck in the past, and that Shane should try. She was going to

take that information back to her son to work on.

Barb also wanted to see if the City had interest in purchasing the property she owns on South Jackson. There was in interest at this time.

- b.** Cody Hartwich – Water Discussion
No discussion was held; Mr. Hartwich was not in attendance.
- c.** Jay Copeland – Copeland Insurance
Brett Engel with Copeland Insurance attended the meeting and asked the City Council to let them try to beat the current rates with KCamp. They understand that we would have to give notice that we are looking but they would like to try to get the City account again. Members of the council stated that the reason they lost the account wasn't just because of savings with KCamp, but because of the lack of communication and not fixing things that needed corrected. The City said Copeland could always bid, but no decision would be made tonight. Brett thanked the City Council for their time.
- d.** 2024 KCamp - Renewal
Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the 2024 KCamp renewal.
Jeremy Holliday seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays
- e.** Resolution 2024-01 – GAAP Waiver
Tim Pralle made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 for the GAAP Waiver.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays
- f.** Resolution 2024-02 - Fee Schedule
Judd McCormack made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 Fee Schedule.
Tim Pralle seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays
- g.** Flint Hills Region Council – Renewal
Debby Werth stated that she has not had time to be involved with FHRC and she's not sure how much we are getting out of it at this time. Judd McCormack said he isn't sure what we ever get being a part of it. Council decided not to move forward with a motion on the Renewal of Flint Hills Regional Council.
- h.** Set up Work Session – Employee Handbook Review
A meeting time of Thursday January 25, 2024, at 6:30 was set for a work session to update the Employee Handbook.

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a.** Mayoral Report – N/A
- b.** City Council – Thank you Ben for all your work on the roads with the snow.
- c.** Law Enforcement – Chief Burton worked with the City Attorney on drawing up a contract for new hire officers. This contract would be signed upon hiring and would hold the officer to staying with the city for 18 months. This would help with the City sending them to KLETC and not just quitting a few months after they get back and the City be out the money of sending them to the academy.
Spencer Parsons made a motion to approve the contract for new hire Police Officers.
Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays
- d.** Code Enforcement
Elizabeth Wagoner gave an update for the house on second street that is to be demolished as the homeowners were unable to attend the meeting. They are working with Richard Benkendorf to get the home demolished. They want the home gone before they sell the property. All parties that are interested in the property are aware of the code violations.
- e.** Planning and Zoning Committee Reports – Ben Hawkins said he and the planning board are currently working on ADUs and that if council has anything that they would like them to start working on to let him know.
- f.** Treasurers Report – N/A
- g.** Administration Report – N/A
- h.** Water/Sewer Report – N/A
- i.** City Operations Report – N/A
- j.** Saint George Community Enrichment Team N/A

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

Nathan Galle with Walters Morgan wanted to introduce himself give the council some insight on what they do. They work with communities with water projects. If the City has any projects coming up, they would like to talk with us about options.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to adjourn.
Tim Pralle seconded the motion.
Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays