

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- JULY 1, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Karst. The following Council members were present: Heitman, Austin, Koski, Ozark, and Nistler. Council member Carr was absent. Also present was DPW Skubinna Deputy Clerk, Frueh, and City Attorney Pekovitch. Candy Lagerquist, Karen Breigenzer, Ann Kulczyk, Sean Heavy, Eric Feit, and John Bach from Interstate Engineering were also in attendance. City Clerk Amundson, and City Grant Writer Byers attended via Google Meets. There was no media representation.

Mayor Karst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any Agenda Item: Candy Lagerquist had asked the council to explain the cost of the 2nd Avenue South diagonal parking project. She said that she had explained to other citizens that the cost was for the parking project and included other concrete work around the city. Sean Heavy also wants to see where the access ramp is going to be before the project actually starts. Mayor Karst stated that the breakdown of the costs for the project will be discussed during that agenda item.

Council member Koski made a motion approving the consent agenda including the payment of claims for July 1, 2024 in the amount of \$139,440.61, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$332.47, and the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Austin, and carried unanimously.

There was no comment from those in attendance on the proposed area and beneficiaries of the CDBG non-competitive grant project area.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3168** – A Resolution to Authorize the Submission of the CDBG Non-Competitive Grant Application. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3168**. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler; whereby **Resolution No. 3168** was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Karst introduced and offered for adoption **Resolution No. 3169** – A Resolution for Designating the Environmental Certifying Official. Council member Koski moved for the adoption of **Resolution No. 3169**. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman; whereby **Resolution No. 3169** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Austin made a motion appointing Matthew Stevenson to the Library Board for a five (5) year term effective July 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler and carried unanimously.

DPW Skubinna explained the breakdown of the LSC, Inc bid for the 2nd Avenue South diagonal parking project and the miscellaneous concrete work. The diagonal parking portion is \$12,228.00, which includes concrete work, pavement striping, handicapped pavement markings, and signage. The miscellaneous concrete work around the city will cost \$15,622.00. He also explained that during the downtown parking meetings it was decided to install the accessible ramp in the middle of the block between 5th and 6th Street South. John Bach from Interstate Engineering explained that the downtown project will be laid out before any construction can start. Council member Ozark said that it's a lot of money being spent on the parking project for striping and a small amount of concrete work for the handicapped accessible ramp. Council member Ozark made a motion to award the 2nd Avenue South Parking Project to LSC, Inc in the amount of \$27,850.80. The motion was seconded by Council member Nistler, and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business – Levee Safety Committee Report – DPW Skubinna mentioned the next meeting will be August 6, 2024. That meeting will include representatives from DNRC and FEMA.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for personnel, water, or cemetery. City Grant Writer Byers said there is federal money available under safe streets for all, but it's highly competitive and suggests the city have a planning document in place before applying for the federal grant. She is still looking into the Tourism grant through CDBG that the police and fire departments could possibly qualify for up to \$750,000.00 in funding, the deadline for this grant is in September. An ordinance committee meeting will be held following the July 15th council meeting.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Skubinna said the Hall Terrace/Hurley Drive project will go out to bid this Wednesday and run for three weeks.

City Attorney Pekovitch mentioned she's been busy with the police department. The MPO program currently has 40 people under it and had asked about the DNRC ordinance for flood control.

Council member Austin said the ISO rating was held last week and the department is trying to get moved up from a 4 to a 3. This rating will also help with homeowners' insurance rates. There was also an accident up behind the Housing Authority.

City Clerk Amundson told the council she's been working on budgets and sending out the delinquent water bill letters to they can be assessed on taxes. They need to be postmarked before the 7th of July.

There was no Mayor's Report.

Public Comment: Karen Breigenzer asked the council if they could have a work session to work out the three (3) items in the skate park MOU that are going back and forth between the attorneys. A work session will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday July 15th before the council meeting. Eric Feit wanted to know if the council has discussed what areas would be available for baseball practices when the skate park is constructed. Council member Ozark stated that he would like the consolidation of the parks and recreation department on the next agenda for further discussion. Also, the pool construction is moving along nicely.

Council member Nistler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Koski, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson

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City Clerk-Treasurer

Rod Karst
Mayor