

Minutes of the proceedings of the City Council of the City of New Auburn in the County of Sibley and State of Minnesota including all accounts audited by said Council.

Regular Meeting
April 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mandy Grack at 7:15 p.m. at the city office.

Members present: Wayne Schultz, Pam Horton, John Wangen, Michael Cotterman and Mandy Grack

Members absent:

Staff present: Joey Schuft, Roberta Zaske and Fire Chief Bryce Busse

Additions or Corrections to the agenda

Approval of minutes: A motion by Pam Horton, seconded by Wayne Schultz to accept the minutes for March

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report. Pumps inspected , 931 failed, motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michale Cotterman to fix the pump for \$3,708.70, motion carried.
2. Treasurer –report was given and approved
3. Park/streets/buildings- Joey gave his report. Will be hydrant flushing April 23-24th Open bathrooms in the park soon. Roof leaking on the VFW/City building. A few ash trees are looking tough in the cemetery. Company want to exercise our water valves for \$5,000.
4. Sheriff –

Resolution, Policies, and ordinances:

Resolutions:

Ordinances: updating zoning ordinance – City Attorney is working on it

Policy:

Unfinished business:

1. Grant for \$25,000 from State - After much discussion, a motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the estimate from Grassland Solutions for \$23,784.50 new fence at the spray field and Rickert Excavating for \$2,240.00 crushed concrete for spray field only going ahead if the State of Minnesota approves the purchase for the grant of \$25,000 and the City would pay the remaining balance, motion carried with 5 yes, 0 no.
2. Abdo – we watched the presentation sent from Abdo on the final 2023 financial audit, motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to accept the final audit for 2023 as presented by Abdo, motion carried.
3. Public Aid money – the council table it until next month.

New Business:

1. STREAMS – a meeting April 10th at 11am. City Clerk asked if a council or member wanted to attend. After a discussion one or two council will go to the meeting.
2. Phase 1 Archaeological Investigation final report - City Clerk presented the final report, no action was taken
3. Dust control on gravel roads - council decided no chemicals this year on the roads
4. Presidential Voter turnout – City Clerk presented the voter turn out and no action was taken.
5. Local Board of Appeal package – City clerk handed out the packets and no action was taken. The Local Board of Appeal meeting for the public will be Monday, April 22nd at 6:00 pm at city office.
6. Open house – Rickert Excavating – City Clerk presented the invitation, City Clerk
7. Paint the top fencing area – Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Wayne Schutlz to approve to by the paint and Baseball team will paint the top fencing area, motion carried.

Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report – the City Clerk talked about the MCFOA conference she attended, updated the Council on the Lead and Copper report for the State, no action was taken
2. Curt Reetz – no report

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3. Open discussion -

Motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Pm Horton to approve paying claims #69497-69520 in the amount of \$21,123.88 plus any other normal monthly bills, motion carried with 5 yes and 0 no. Claims paid in March were claims 69468-69492 for \$19,801.14 and additional claims 69493-69496 \$1,281.61 Ck #24108-24110 Payroll \$2,970.25, PERA \$542.97 CK 24138-24140 \$3,036.73 PERA \$564.82 Federal taxes for March \$1,788.36

1st Qt 2024 state withholding \$1,004.68 Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Wayne Schultz, second by Michael Cotterman to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaske, City Clerk-Treasurer