

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
July 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mandy Grack at 7:00 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 Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the minutes for June, motions carried.

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report. Six calls this month, 3 with the flooding. The department will be doing LP training next Monday. National Night out is August 6th.
2. Treasurer –report was given and approved
3. Park/streets/buildings- Joey gave his report. Everyone thanked Joey for all his hard work with the flooding. Some roads are in bad shape from the flooding. Parks are hard to mow right now from the flooding.
4. Sheriff Report –

Resolutions, Ordinances and Policy:

Resolutions: 20240708A Approving parcels for Public Auction Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Wayne Schultz to approve Sibley County to sell the parcel #36.0199.000 at a public auction, motion carried.

20240708B Accepting donation from Ronald & Muriel Bauer Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the donation, motion carried.

20240708C Accepting a donation from New Auburn VFW Motion by Wayne Schlutz, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the donation from the VFW, motion carried.

20240708D Appointing Judges for 2024 Election Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the Judges for 2024 Election, motion carried.

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

Policy:

Unfinished business:

1. STREAMS – Wayne Schultz and Bobbi Zaske went to meeting on July 2nd, we met all the interested parties. Engineer will have rough numbers put together by October so we can all decide if we will go ahead with the project or drop it. Next meeting is July 18th by zoom.
2. JD 5 Ditch – We are still trying to get a date that will work for everyone to get together for a meeting with the ditch authority. City Clerk will keep council updated on the date.
3. Land - Attorney is working on our next step.
4. Water and sewer price increase - Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve water rate to go up 1% to \$18.74 per thousand or \$37.48 minimum charge per month, sewer rate will go up 1% to \$20.48 per thousand or \$40.96 minimum charge per month, storm water charge will be a flat fee going up to \$8.75 per month, motion carried.

New Business:

1. New Auburn VFW, Dan Moore gave a presentation to the council about the VFW being around since 1978 or 46 years, they are no closing and joining Arlington's VFW. Dan asked council if the VFW could put monument in the cemetery representing the VFW, Motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Wayne Schultz to allow the VFW to install a monument in the cemetery, motion carried.

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2. Garage on City Property - After much discussion about the garage on city property. A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to give her an option to move the garage onto her property or remove the garage from city property, two ayes and two nays, mayor broke the tie with a ayes, motion carried.
3. Tate Pederson – Talked about the city needed to do something about people driving in his alley. After much discussion the council advised him that we can't stop people from driving in the alleys, we have it happening in other areas in town. City Clerk will put it in the newsletter. He also wanted clarification about parking his semi on the street.
4. Softball Association - A motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Wayne Schultz to allow an beer license to the softball association for the tournament July 26-27, motion carried.
5. A motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to forgive rent of the city hall to the HILCC club because of the flooding they couldn't use their building for the 4th of July celebration, motion carried.
6. Update on flooding – After much discussion the city council wants to meet with the JD5 ditch authorities and DNR and then have a workshop to discuss what the city can do about the flooding.
7. DNR - DNR has agreed to come to New Auburn so we can talk about the flooding, City Clerk will notify the council of that date.
8. Sibley County Economic Development Plan – City Clerk explain the booklet that was made up of Sibley County and all the statistics, no action taken.
9. MN Dept of Administration – City of New Auburn received a letter from the State regarding approval to go ahead with our project that there is no artifacts in the area, no action taken.
10. Date for November council meeting because of the holiday and elections, the date is Wednesday, November 13th.
11. Public Alert - after discussion it was decided to wait to see what programs are out there.
12. Rural Water Operator Expo – August 29th at Waconia Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to approve Randy and Joey to go to the expo, motion carried.
13. Budget 2025 Set up a workshop for Wednesday, July 17th at 5:30 to discuss the budget.

Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report no report
2. Curt Reetz – no report
3. Open discussion -

Motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Wayne Schultz to approve paying claims #69600-69621 in the amount of \$71,562.52 plus any other normal monthly bills, motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays
Claims paid in June were claims 69563-69595 for \$138,816.62 but held back 3 claims and additional claims 69564-69599 \$113,430.45 included was the 3 claims I held Ck #24224-24238 Payroll \$2,061.20, firefighters payroll CK 24269-24271 \$3,397.25 PERA \$585.32 CK 24279-24281 \$3,948.39 payroll, PERA \$585.32 Federal taxes for June \$2,358.06. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays

Motion by Wayne Schultz, second by Michael Cotterman to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaske, City Clerk-Treasurer