

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 10, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mandy Grack at 7:00 p.m. at the city office.

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

Members absent:

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

Additions or Corrections to the agenda SEH and RD update Motion by John Wangen and seconded by Pam Horton to accept the addition to the agenda, motion carried.

Approval of minutes: A motion by John Wangen, seconded by Wayne Schultz to accept the minutes for March.

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report. Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to accept the resignation of firefighter, Neil Frahm affective April 3, 2023, motion carried.
2. Treasurer –report was given and approved.
3. Park/streets/buildings- Joey gave his report. Normal flows being around 15,000 in a day, 4 days ago it was 40,000, today it was 105,000 in a day, someone is putting there sump pump hose in our sewer system. Will sandbag at the ponds tomorrow. Our level at the ponds is 53” to 56”, 60” is overflowing. Our well was inspected, it hasn’t been inspected for 20 years. Their Well replaced the pump and 4 sections of pipe. We have a semi that is turning onto 9th Ave that is tearing up the edge of the road.

Resolution, Policies, and ordinances:

Resolutions:

Ordinances:

Policy:

Unfinished business:

1. Land purchase - no update
2. SEH- Sam Fink is 95% complete with the RD apply application, USDA is reviewing the Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Review. Bobbi published the Affidavit of Application and is waiting to submit to RD. Bobbi will be digitally signing application for the City of New Auburn. New Auburn did go to the Capital and represented with the House of Representatives with Bobbie Harder, we were scheduled to represent with the Senate, but were taken off the agenda, I haven’t heard anything since.
3. Sibley County Assessor Report - Gina gave a presentation on 2023 Assessment overview for City of New Auburn. Local Board of Appeals and Equalization will be in New Auburn Monday, April 17th at 6:00 pm.
4. Contract for VFW is up in July 2023 - City council is asking the VFW to come to the next meeting, May 8th to discuss the terms of the contract, City council would appreciate the VFW’s input. Tabled until May 8th council meeting.
5. Contract for RS Fiber is up in June 2023 - City council would like rent at \$250 per month with a 2 year contract. Any further negotiation need to come to city council meeting May 8th. Bobbi will write them a letter and present at next meeting.

New Business:

1. Ronda Grack had a water leak - Motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Wayne Schultz to credit her 15,200 gallons for sewer only, motion carried.
2. Dan Miller – water leak tabled until next month, if he doesn’t come in next month, no credit for him.
3. New Auburn Spring Fling is April 30th - Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to waive the hall rent fee for New Auburn Lions, motion carried.
4. Checking for blight - Council agreed to go around and check for blight, council will volunteer to help, if not, council will hire a company to come in and clean up and charge the fee back to the homeowner.
5. According to LMC, Juneteenth might be in affect this year. No action taken.
6. gWorks – water program - After much discussion, The city would like to see what our neighboring small towns are doing and maybe stay with the same program they are using. They will make a decision next month on what program they will use. No action taken.

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7. Municipal Impact - After some discussion a motion was made by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Pam Horton to switch our website to Municipal Impact for \$605 annual subscription and \$399 set up fee, motion carried.
8. City of New Auburn received our \$30,000 grant for the PER from USDA-RD, no action taken.
9. Post office door repair - Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to let the post office replace the door, frame and hardware and the City of New Auburn will reimburse them, motion carried.
10. GISLarson & Hunter – High Island Creek Watershed District, no action taken.
11. Sibley County Elected Officials and Department Heads, no action taken.
12. Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is set for Monday, April 17th at 6:00 pm

Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report – no action taken
2. Curt Reetz –
3. Open discussion - A family is interested in purchasing our empty lot, Bobbi advised them to come talk to the council members.

Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve paying claims #69105-69128 in the amount of \$25,978.94 plus any other monthly bills, motion carried. Claims paid in March were claims 69071-69101 for \$29,773.45 and additional claims 69102-69104 \$865.47
Ck #23611-23613 Payroll \$2,842.30, PERA \$547.45 CK 23645-23677 \$2,876.64, PERA \$553.05 Federal taxes for March \$1,732.10 MN State withholding \$970.85 MN Sales Tax \$1000.00 motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Pam Horton, second by Wayne Schultz to adjourn at 9:31 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaske, City Clerk-Treasurer