

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
May 8, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mandy Grack at 7:01 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 Agenda was approved

Approval of minutes: A motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the minutes for April.

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report. Chief Busse stated they received a grant from McLeod Co-op for \$2,600. Pumper were test last month, they failed but both have been repaired.
2. Treasurer –report was given and approved.
3. Park/streets/buildings- Joey gave his report. Thanks for letting me go to class last week. Problems with the pivot, so last weekend spent some extra time out there, the timer needs to be replace, the time is on order now. A motion by John Wangen, seconded by Wayne Schultz to purchase a cement mixer for \$509 and generator for \$529 to use at the cemetery and the funds will come from the donation from John Rivers, motion carried. A motion from Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to purchase pallet forks for the tractor for \$975, motion carried. A motion by Pam Horton, seconded by Wayne Schultz to purchase 15 loads of grave for approximately \$3600 and spread according to Joey map, motion carried. The Mayor asked Joey to sand and repaint some of the benches at the ball field.

Resolution, Policies, and ordinances:

Resolutions:

Ordinances:

Policy: Local Board of Appeal& Equalization policies and procedures Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to adopt the policy and procedure, motion carried.

Unfinished business:

1. Contract for VFW is up in July 2023 - After a discussion with James Ringo. James Ringo mentioned that the small area was what they really needed and they really didn't need the big space. A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by John Wangen to redo a contract with the VFW for \$20 per month for 5 years and if City of New Auburn needs to use some of the space, the VFW would grant that, motion carried.
2. Contract for RS Fiber is up in June 2023 - City Clerk, Roberta Zaske negotiated with RS Fiber, Ben Ranft. A motion from Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve a new contract for two years starting July 1, 2023 for \$250 per month and all other terms stayed the same, motion carried.
3. Blight checks City council is working on blight and letters will be sent soon.
4. gWorks (water and sewer program) After much discussion, the cost is too high to offer credit card services and on line payment. A motion by John Wangen, seconded by Wayne Schultz to accept a one year agreement for \$3060 and start the new program in September, motion carried.
5. Municipal Impact website Website is just about ready to go live, hoping for middle of May.

New Business:

1. SEH – Sam Fink gave update, talking with the USDA-RD as of right now they don't have sufficient funds to obligate more projects this year, that may change as the year goes on. Sam and Roberta Zaske applied for another grant of \$25,000.
2. Robert and Cindy Kloeckl donated a picture to the City that was back in 1874. Its on display at City Office.
3. Property at 7234 7th Ave - Arkediy Leah Petruk asked the City if they would be interested in selling the lot at 7234 7th Ave. Mayor Grack explained that the property was not for sale at this time and the City would have to discuss at a workshop. Mayor Grack suggested they ask a realtor to help them find a lot. It was also stated that there was lots for sale by the lake.
4. Complaint with roosters on 8th Ave - City clerk had sent the homeowners the ordinance and permit application to the homeowners explaining roosters are not accepted in city limits. If they don't remove them, I will contact the Sheriff's Office.

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Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report – no action taken
2. Curt Reetz –
3. Open discussion - City clerk updated the City Council on everything happening in the trailer court. The owners will be cleaning up two trailers.

Motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Pam Horton to approve paying claims #69141-69165 in the amount of \$30,665.90 plus any other monthly bills, motion carried. Claims paid in April were claims 69105-69131 for \$27,601.35 and additional claims 69132-69140 \$9,093.69
Ck #23651-23653 Payroll \$2,842.30, PERA \$547.45 CK 23681-23683 \$2,890.36, PERA \$555.29 Federal taxes for April \$1,734.54 motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Wayne Schultz, second by Michael Cotterman to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaska, City Clerk-Treasurer