

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
June 12, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mandy Grack at 7:01 p.m. at the city office.

Members present: Wayne Schultz (7:07 pm), John Wangen, Pam Horton, Michael Cotterman and Mandy Grack

Members absent:

Staff present: Roberta Zaske, and Fire Chief Bryce Busse

Additions or Corrections to the agenda Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to approve the additions and corrections, motion carried.

Approval of minutes: A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to accept the minutes for May.

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report. The New Auburn Fire Relief donated \$5,000 to the City to use for the fire truck and equipment.
2. Treasurer –report was given and approved.
3. Park/streets/buildings- City Clerk presented for Joey Schuft. Joey would like to attend a class in Howard Lake on June 22nd on LCRR & Asset Management training, the cost is free. Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to have Joey attend training, motion carried. Joey and Randy want to use there personal small tractors to work at the cemetery, Council agreed and would compensate them, but council wants to know how much the compensation would be next month. Joey would like to purchase a small gas water pump to use at the cemetery, motion by John Wangen, seconded by Michael Cotterman to purchase the small gas water pump, motion carried.

Resolution, Policies, and ordinances:

Resolutions: 20230612A File application with MN Management and Budget Office – Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to accept the resolution, motion carried.

20230612B Donation from New Auburn Fire Relief - Motion by Pam Horton, seconded by Wayne Schultz to accept the donation from New Auburn Fire Relief, motion carried.

Ordinances:

Policy:

Unfinished business:

1. Blight checks – after much discussion, council wants to re-visit in July
2. gWorks (water and sewer program) City Clerk gave update, no action was taken
3. Municipal Impact website Website is up and running
4. Wood burning stove in utility shed – talk to Sibley County, bring back next month

New Business:

1. Curt Reetz gave update on project and legislation. City Council will be going ahead with the project.
2. Purchase land – City Council asked City Clerk to talk to city attorney and land realtor. We will meet in two weeks for a special meeting. A motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Pam Horton to look into a realtor, looking first at Mages and Exsted.
3. SEH wants to go ahead with archeological study – Council wanted to know if we could use our own land
4. Post Office and Back door – A motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Pam Horton to approve to pay the \$4,902 to Kendell Door so they can order the door and install, motion carried. I have two estimates on the A/C unit but council asked to get an estimate from Matt Stuewe and bring back to the Special meeting.
5. Liquor License renewal – Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve the On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday liquor license for Backwoods Bar and Curly's, motion carried.
6. Event License for New Auburn Fire Relief – Motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by John Wangen to approve the event license for Fire Relief, motion carried.
7. Letter from MN Dept of Health – Our drinking water in New Auburn passed the testing, no action was taken.
8. Incident at the fire hall- City Council talked about adding camera or putting bars on the windows, will look into our options and no action was taken.
9. Select Equity Investment wants to sell there property, Is the City interested in the land for \$25,000. City Council had no interest. No action was taken.

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10. Leading Sibley together wants a representative from New Auburn for the fall class. No interest in any City council members, they will ask around. No action was taken.
11. Two new businesses are in town working out of their homes. No action was taken.
12. Bobbi's computer – City council would like to budget a new computer for 2024.
13. Set up workshop with fire officers to discuss finances of the new fire truck, Bring back to the July meeting.
14. Office will be closed Monday, June 19th for the new Juneteenth holiday.
15. Jeff Mason is buying some commercial property in town, wants to put up a fence. City Council said to follow all the ordinance on commercial property.
16. Curb stop at HILCC is leaking. Can Jay Rickert and have it repaired.

Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report – no action taken
2. Curt Reetz –
3. Open discussion - City Clerk reported two chicken permits were approved.

Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve paying claims #69176-69203 in the amount of \$29,353.78 plus any other monthly bills, motion carried. Claims paid in May were claims 69141-69167 for \$31,850.19 and additional claims 69166-69175 \$8,893.40
Ck #23723-23725 Payroll \$3,549.70, PERA \$662.81 CK 23734-23736 \$3,237.21, PERA \$611.85 Federal taxes for May \$1,867.98 motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by Pam Horton, second by John Wangen to adjourn at 9:11 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaska, City Clerk-Treasurer