

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 10, 2023

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

Members present: Wayne Schultz, John Wangen (7:02), 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

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

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report. National night out is August 1st, hamburgers at the city park.
2. Treasurer –report was given and approved.
3. Park/streets/buildings- Joey gave his report. Painting and fixing benches. Working at the cemetery. Motion by Pam Horton, seconded by John Wangen to allow Joey and Randy to go to the Operator Expo in Waconia on August 31st, motion carried. A motion was made by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to allow Joey and Randy to use there personal small tractors at the cemetery and the city will pay for the gas, motion carried.

Resolution, Policies, and ordinances:

Resolutions:

Ordinances:

Policy:

Unfinished business:

1. SEH – no update
2. Land Purchase – Attorney is working on the purchase agreement and if that is completed soon, we might hold a special meeting.

New Business:

1. Bobbie Harder – Representative House District 17B – update – Bobbie gave an update on everything that is going on in the last session.
2. Open bids for the contract for baling hay at the spray field. We received two bids, the bids were identical with 4' x 5' bales at \$10 each. Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to have City Clerk contact both parties and explain the estimates were the same and if they wanted to change their estimate, High bid would receive the contract and go ahead and make up the contracts and have them signed, motion carries.
3. New Auburn Softball Association requested an event license for a tournament being held on Augst 4-6, 2023. Motion by Wayne Shultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve an event license to New Auburn Softball Association for August 4-6, 2023, motion carried.
4. Sign for City of New Auburn – update City Clerk has been in contact with Barb Schutte about how our sign is coming along. Barb gave City clerk all the information, City Clerk contacted the company numerous times and they never answer and didn't return any calls. The council agreed to find a new company to have the signs made, City clerk will work on finding a new company.
5. Water and Sewer rate increase - After much discussion, a motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by John Wangen to increase water by 2% or \$18.55, sewer by 2% or \$20.27 and stormwater by \$.25 or \$8.50, motion carried.
6. Park equipment – will hold off with any updates for now but would like to look research how to fund the project.
7. New Auburn Lions want to donate a game to the City. A motion by John wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the game (gaga ball) from the New Auburn Lions and store it in the city garage, motion carried.
8. Fred Grack wants to close the road when he cuts down a tree. Council was ok with this.
9. John River's would like the City Council, Employees and Friends come to Maple Lake to see his museum, the date is set for July 28th.
10. Date for workshop to start the 2024 budget – Council set a workshop on July 24th at 7:00 pm.

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Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report – no report
2. Curt Reetz – no report
3. Open discussion - Money will be need to pay a payment on the new fire truck, motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to transfer \$43,000 out of general savings account (vehicle replacement and repair) and \$47,756.34 from General Savings (ARPA money), motion carried with 5 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve paying claims #69207-69226 in the amount of \$159,912.02 plus any other monthly bills, motion carried with 5 yes and 0 no.. Claims paid in June were claims 69176-69203 for \$29,353.78 and additional claims 69204-69206 \$1,678.79

Ck #23767-23769 Payroll \$2,979.66, PERA \$569.85 CK 23773-23775 \$3,240.64, PERA \$612.41 Federal taxes for June \$1,848.38 MN State 2nd Qt withholding \$836.88 MN Sales tax 2nd Qt \$1,011.00 motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by John Wangen, second by Michael Cotterman to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaske, City Clerk-Treasurer