

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
August 14, 2023

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

Members present: Wayne Schultz (7:02 pm), 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 Add item H) Contracts for CSAH 29 and I) traffic through town

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

Reports given:

1. Fire Department – Chief Busse gave his report. Thursday the truck will be here. 6 calls this last month
2. Treasurer –report was given and approved.
3. Park/streets/buildings- Joey gave his report. Tires for tractor, ask the local businesses and bring back to the next meeting. State sent a warning letter but there was a mistake and State corrected the situation. A few trees are dying off. When state was here, they noticed two air valves are leaking, motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Pam Horton to purchase two air valves, motion carried.

Resolution, Policies, and ordinances:

Resolutions: 20230814A transferring Funds Motion by John Wangen, seconded by Michael Cotterman to transfer money from savings into fire checking for fire truck, motion carried.

20230814B Transferring Funds Motion by Pam Horton, seconded by Michael Cotterman to transfer money from general checking into general savings account, motion carried.

Ordinances:

Policy:

Unfinished business:

1. SEH – Archaeological Survey - Motion by Michael Cotterman seconded by John Wangen to go ahead with the survey for \$7,693.72 as per the estimate, motion carried with 5 yes.

Meeting was Closed at 7:42 pm

2. Land Purchase – Discussion on the land

Meeting was Re-Opened at 7:53 pm

3. Land purchase agreement – After much discussion, a motion by Michael Cotterman, seconded by Pam Horton to approve the purchase agreement with the exception to change the closing date to June 1, 2024, motion carried.
4. Hayfield Contract with Justin Wisch - Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve the contract as proposed to Justin Wisch, motion carried.
5. Hayfield Contract with Brian Becker – Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve the contract as proposed to Brian Becker, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Signage for City of New Auburn – A motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded John Wangen to go ahead with the frame work of the new sign but change the metal sign to 4'x6', motion carried. Pam and Michael will help pick out the color brick.
2. Gate at the Lake – City Clerk will contact the person that backed into the gate and put a claim in.
3. Rickert Excavating – Estimate for curb stop at lake club, motion by John Wangen, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the estimate of \$1,180 for the curb stop, motion carried.
4. The Gaga game that New Auburn Lions donated will be stored at the city shed and people can use it by contacting city office.
5. Library or a food shelf (blessing pantry) the consensus of the council was to have an organization put a small library in the park.
6. Sibley County Contracts for CSAH 29, motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Pam Horton to accept the contract for \$7,306.59 for 2024, motion carried
7. Traffic through town – Discussion about traffic driving to fast through town, after much discussion, the council advised that citizens need to call the Sibley County Sheriff's Office.

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Date for workshop to start the 2024 budget – Council set a workshop on Wednesday, September 6th 6:00 pm.

Additional items discussed:

1. Clerks Report – no report
2. Curt Reetz – no report
3. Open discussion - City Clerk discussed problems with out Sam.gov renewal.

Motion by Wayne Schultz, seconded by Michael Cotterman to approve paying claims #69237-69258 in the amount of \$20,914.97 plus any other monthly bills, motion carried with 5 yes and 0 no.. Claims paid in July were claims 69207-69229 for \$160,781.42 and additional claims 69230-69237 \$10,683.23

Ck #23799-23801 Payroll \$3,055.20, PERA \$582.17 CK 23809-23811 \$2,842.30 PERA \$547.45

Federal taxes for July \$2,697.92 motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion by John Wangen, second by Wayne Schultz to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Motion carried.

Roberta Zaske, City Clerk-Treasurer