

# **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

## **DECEMBER 6, 2021**

Mayor Rock Anderson opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken, and all members of the City Council were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the minutes. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The mayor presented the Appropriation Ordinance #11. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the Ordinance for payment. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Council member Mary Lou Peace stepped down as council member, thanked by the members of the Council for her service. Bette Lessen then swore in the three newly elected officials to the City Council, Mayor Rock Anderson, and Council members Travis Wood and Howard Camp.

The mayor then presented the evening agenda. Under Reports Brenda Banks was added. Then under Unfinished Business item D) Healthy Food Financial Incentive was added. Travis Wood made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Howard Camp seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

### **REPORTS**

Police Chief Craig Farnsworth handed out his monthly report to the Council. Craig reported that the new police vehicle would arrive by Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. Craig also reported on receiving 3 bids on the chevy tires, Wiseman's, Walker's and Dave's. Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept Dave's bid for 832.00. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Craig also brought up the memorandum of understanding between the city and the school system. Craig stated that the City Attorney Tom Hayes had reviewed it and signed off. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the memorandum. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Tom Gorman handed out his monthly report and stated that the park restrooms have been winterized and that the new substation is fully operational. The crew will be working on removing the old substation. The Christmas lights are up and working. The library will be working on the new carpet. Scotten Graphics driveway is finished.

Brenda Banks was present to report on the library. It appears that there is mold in the building from leaks. City Council agreed to hire a contractor to take care of the repairs and they also decided to close the library until the mold issue has been cleaned up.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Christy Mitchell was present to answer any questions. Christy stated that the Insurance policy had gone up 5.86% this coming year. Ken Harryman made the motion to keep the same plan as last year. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

**STEVEN KIEFER:**

Not present

**111 W MADISON BIDS: CLEANUP**

Rock Anderson read aloud the one bid on the cleanup of the property and house. Vilela Demolition bid 2,935.00 Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept the bid. Howard Camp seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

**HEALTHY FOOD FINANCIAL INCENTIVE**

Rock Anderson reported on filling paperwork to achieve a grant towards getting a grocery store in Arma.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT BIDS**

Rock Anderson opened two bids, Community National Bank was 0.41% and Girard National Bank was .30%. Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept CNB's bid. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

**EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE**

Rock Anderson discussed the evaluation form and to have the two department heads take care of their staff then at the next meeting present their reports. Dickie Cleland made the motion to have all the performance evaluations given to each council member at the next meeting. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

**CHRISTMAS DONATION**

Rock Anderson stated that this year the employees will be off on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> so Rock recommended giving each employee a \$100.00 gift card. Dickie Cleland made the motion to give each employee a \$50.00 gift card. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Bette Lessen thanked the City Council on behalf of the city employees.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST**

Bette Lessen requested that the Council donate \$200.00 to go towards the annual Christmas light contest. Rob Lessen made the motion to donate \$200.00. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Rob Lessen introduced Assistant Fire Chief Justin Turner. Justin brought up the need for a new extraction device for the Fire Department. The total cost will be 47,811.00, which would be split with the county side which the city side would be around 25,000.00. Council was in favor of the new device but would like the Justin to come back to them once the purchase has been made to further discuss the payment.

Rock Anderson stated that he was going to implement the Council members as liaison's over the city departments. Dickie Cleland, Streets; Travis Wood, Police and Fire; Rob Lessen, Finances; Howard Camp, Utilities and Ken Harryman, Parks and Library. Dickie Cleland made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation. Howard Camp seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

**PURCHASE REQUEST**

Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the purchase of the requested items. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Ken Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

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*Bette Lessen, City Clerk*