

Minutes for June 9, 2022

5:34 Call to order by Mayor Pro-Tem, Nathan McAlister

Roll call with councilmembers Arnie Kesselring, Jack Stone, Heather Bielenberg, Nathan McAlister present. Absent Brandon Patrick. Gina Arnold, LeeRoy Wagner, and Michael McAlister also present.

Guests were Bob Veenstra, Brandon Irlbeck, and Clint Fichter.

May minutes were read, Stone made a motion to approve the May minutes, 2nd by Bielenberg. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Library report-none

Ambulance report-none, discussed the possibility of running an ad for EMT's. LeeRoy will ask around to see if there would be anyone interested in taking the class.

Brandon Irlbeck was present to discuss his building permit for a 20'x12' inground pool. Kesselring made a motion to approve the permit pending a completed permit and drawing. 2nd by Stone, all in favor, no nays, motion carried. He also proposed having another Bayard Fun Day to be scheduled for this summer. He would like to have the bouncy house and other activities for the kids with a dance again in the evening for the adults. He will contact Melissa Lewis about a liquor license. He will also check into different food options. He is open to different ideas on where any donations would go. Stone made a motion to approve the fun day with the stipulation that the appropriate licenses are covered. 2nd by Bielenberg, all in favor, Kesselring abstained, motion carried.

Fire report- There has been an additional \$150.00 donated, and the order for the new truck has been placed.

Street report- LeeRoy reported that he has been cleaning up the mess left by the flooding on Prairie St. A new stop sign has been put up by the lumber yard, and a new truck route sign on Hwy 141. He has been changing out old meters. Aqua Jet was here on May 8th to clean out some of the drains, he reports that the one by the post office is partially collapsed. He reported that it looked like there is a tile that is broke in Bielenberg's field West of town. He will contact Dan Bielenberg. The spraying has been done at the sewer plant. The bathrooms are now open at the south park. He has started the mowing and asked about mowing by the old school off of Hwy 141, he mowed it due to it causing poor visibility. Reported that the asphalt is peeled off at 108 Allen St. He is going to start looking for the locates.

Discussed how to proceed with sending out notices for nuisances concerning mowing, trash, overgrown trees. It was decided to 1. Call the property owner, 2. Send out a letter, 3. Abate the nuisance through the courthouse.

Water/Sewer report- DNR was here to review the lab, everything checked out. Iowa Rural Water Association did their inspection. There continue to be problems at the sewer plant even though we are listed as a disadvantaged status, we have to stay compliant with the permits. Iowa Pump was here to look at the alternator, it was having issues after all the heavy rains, it was determined that it needs to be replaced. The flow meter at the sewer plant wasn't working due to unable to read the sonar.

Bob Veenstra was present to give an update on the sewer project, they have contacted the property owners about purchasing the land and showed the council maps of the proposed site. It will be for 25-

30 acres close to where the current sewer plant is located. After discussion with the council, he will proceed with the land purchase.

Discussion and action on the FS fuel contract. It was decided to contract for 1,000 gallons, we will call them when we need it delivered and pay as we go. Motion to approve the contract by Kesselring, 2nd by Bielenberg. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Discussion about the Mosquito Control of Iowa contract Stone made a motion to sign the contract for the current year, 2nd by Kesselring, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Clerks report-Gina gave an update about the FEMA project, she is working at putting together all the documentation to move forward. There was a question about the 141 garage sales and if they could set up at the park. Nathan asked that I call them back and have them send him an e-mail. Gina has been locating the 28E agreements that the city has, she will check into what needs to be done to get them updated. Discussed the need for a public hearing for the sale of the cities lots. Gina will get it in the paper for next meeting.

Claims were reviewed and discussed. Brian Hoffman reached out with some ideas on how to make this more affordable. Gina will follow up on this. Kesselring made a motion to approve the claims, 2nd by stone. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Financials were reviewed and discussed. Stone made a motion to approve the financials, 2nd by Kesselring. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Clint went over the financials, budget, library, and the city clerk position. Discussed the possibility of sharing the position with the city of Jamaica. Clint will contact the Mayor and the possibility of setting up a meeting with them to discuss this.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting Thursday July 14, 2022

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