

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 2nd, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM on the 2nd day of April, 2019.

Council present: Brian Anderson, Michael Cherney, and, Karen Ruechel.

Council absent: Paul Kirtz and Peter Schmitz.

Mayor Brian Anderson opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Cherney, to approve the City Council meeting agenda with the addition of a burning permit. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Cherney, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the March 12th, and March 26th, 2019 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The police report was presented by Interim Police Chief Tim Taylor. The report lists 16 traffic enforcements, 2 medical assists, 4 agency assists, 1 animal complaint, 1 juvenile complaint, and 1 parking complaint. Tim reported that new tires have been installed on the squad cars. A steering issue was corrected on the 2013 squad car. Officer Ben Coop introduced himself to the City Council. City Clerk Jim Kiefer distributed the want ad and job description for a police chief that will be placed on the POST board website, and the League of Cities website.

The Fire Department report was presented by Dillon Heimer. Dillon reported that the Department responded to one house fire in the past month. Dillon reported that a grant writer will be hired to apply for a FEMA grant this summer. The grant will ask for 20 air packs, 16 turn out gear, a turn out gear extractor, an air compressor system, and a digital imaging camera. A motion made by Cherney, seconded by Ruechel, to accept a resignation letter from Jacob Schotanus. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Craig Hegge was present to update the City Council on city maintenance. Craig reported that a hot water pump for thawing frozen water lines was purchased last week. A repair of a tile line was needed in the alley between Hwy 56 and Bergen Street. A communications company had bored a cable through the tile line. Craig reported that rock will be spread on alleys after the frost boils settle down.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Cherney, to approve payment of bills as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The city clerk presented the February 28th, 2019 financial statements. Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Cherney, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Cherney, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a building permit to Erland Smith (19 5<sup>th</sup> St NW) for construction of a deck. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer informed the City Council that the appliance pick-up day has been set for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The fees will remain the same as last year.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a one day burning permit to Rick Hinz. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Meeting was reopened to discuss cell phone for City employees. The council discussed ordering cell phone for the two maintenance workers, and one for the police car. Employees are currently reimbursed \$25.00 per month to use their own phones. A motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Cherney, to have the City Clerk purchase three phones and setup internet service for the phones. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Ruechel, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn. Votes in favor: Anderson, Cherney, and Ruechel. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jim Kiefer  
Clerk/ Treasurer