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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2024

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Debby Werth	X	Judd McCormack	X
Matt Ruhnke	X	Spencer Parsons	X
Jeremy Holliday	X	Tim Pralle	X

Mayor Debby Werth introduced the new City Treasurer, Audi Westgate to the City Council.

4. CONSENTING AGENDA:

Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2024, May21, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes and February 2024, March 2024, and April 2024 Financial Statements.

Matt Ruhnke made a motion to approve the consenting agenda.

Tim Pralle seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

5. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

a. City Hall Land – Update

Judd McCormack updated that the building commission is working on a new RFP. Judd has been talking to local developers to get input and thoughts on the RFP before posting it again nationwide.

b. Water Treatment Plant – Discussion

Todd Luckman gave the council the ok to move forward with the contract if they are happy with it, for 17,500.

Spencer Parsons made a motion to approve the consultant client agreement from BG Consultants for \$17,500.00.

Judd McCormack seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

c. Second Street– Update

Tim Pralle said from emails on this topic, this should start in August 2024.

d. Third and Grant Intersection – Update

A plate was put over the issue until it can be fixed, this should also be August 2024.

e. Daras – Update

NO update, Judd asked where we are on this with negotiations. Debby said we are waiting on legal descriptions on the land we need.

f. SRTS – Update

Debby Werth, stated that walk with a cop is over and this was tied into safe routes to school.

g. Camping Resolution – Review

Table to next regular meeting, pending review by council.

h. Pool Ordinance- Review

Table to next regular meeting for discussion, Tim Pralle thought this shouldn't be enforced this season as late as its getting.

i. Resolution – Fireworks

RESOLUTION 2024-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY.

Tim Pralle made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays

6. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

7. COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

- a. Mayoral Report**

We need to set up a work session to work on the 2025 Budget. This was set to June 27@ 6pm. This was later changed to June 24, 2024, at 6 pm.

A request from employees to have the 5th of July as another paid holiday. The council agreed that if they wanted to use a vacation day or floating holiday for this, they could but it would not be a paid holiday by the city. The city clerk asked if it was going to be ok, if offices were not open if everyone took that day off. The council said it was fine to do that.
- b. City Council**

Judd McCormack mentioned that county planning and zoning and commissions the other night did a workshop about how they will do planning and zoning in the future. With five commissioners starting what was agreed upon was one appointment from each region the other five will be equal land splits. Those will be approved by a 2/3 vote from the commissioners.

Judd also mentioned that there was a zoning change next to the tall grass office suites.

With Cody Liming not being at the meeting Judd also went over some drawings that would be for a permanent stage at the park.
- c. Attorney**

Todd Luckman updated the council that the MHP was dismissed in District Court, so the Resolution is still in effect.
- d. Law Enforcement**

Chief Burton let the council know that the active violence training went well. He also stated that Kierah was able to get into the academy early and would be reporting for that on Monday morning.
- e. Code Enforcement**
- f. Planning and Zoning Committee Reports**
- g. Treasurers Report**

Audi, stated that she has been going over budget items and learning how things work in the office.
- h. Administration Report**
- i. Water/Sewer Report**
- j. City Operations Report**
- k. Saint George Community Enrichment Team**

8. OPEN COMMENTS:

Rodney Hoover had a couple of items

- a.** When the sidewalk project construction would start for the safe routes to school.
Debby told him May 2025 is the projected date.
- b.** Wondering if toilet paper could be put in the outhouse down at the river as there has been a lot of traffic down there with kayakers.
- c.** Wondered what the timeline is looking like for the water treatment plant.
The council informed Mr. Hoover that its looks like 3-5 years, but the city has bottled water available.

Mark Puthoff had a few questions and comments for the council.

- d.** He wanted to know what the base fees were paid for from the water billing
He was informed that this helps with infrastructure and upkeep through out the City.
- e.** Wanted to know with Special Taxes why there was no sidewalks or streetlights.
When that development was put in the developer didn't add sidewalks or streetlights.
- f.** Would like to suggest that the speed limit signs on the east side of town be spaced farther apart.
- g.** Wanted to know what the gravel lot plan is for downtown.
Right now, its public parking eventually have commercial development there along with City Hall and the Police Department.

Hans Tessman addressed the council about his feelings towards the council and city employees.

Jarod Tremble with Flint Hills MPO

They have kicked off a electric survey plan and wanted some input from the public. Debby said we could put it on our Facebook page and could post it in City Hall.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Judd McCormack made a motion to go into executive session for attorney client privilege for 20 minutes starting at 8:08pm to resume at 8:28pm here at the meeting location, city council, mayor, and attorney present.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Aye3s 0 Nays

Meeting resumed at 8:28pm.

Mayor Debby Werth asked for a motion to adjourn.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Pralle made a motion to adjourn.

Matt Ruhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried with 5 Ayes 0 Nays