

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 12, 2016**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were: Alan Coriell, Nathan Hansen, Pat Katz, Scott Liebing, Pat Rosman, Pete Schweiger and Theresa Telford.

Also present were: Fred Bell, Steve Goemmel, Helen Jantz, Dave Leath, Matt Markwert, Mark Smith, Marcia Smith, Steve Stedman and Bill Strite.

**MINUTES**

Theresa Telford made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 28, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*1. Proposed Revenue Sources for the 2017 Budget @ 7:05 p.m.* Mayor Sweet opened the public meeting at 7:05 p.m. The Mayor read his budget message for 2017. The Mayor summarized the major sources of revenue and why expenditures take place in certain funds. He stated that even though the city has the potential for additional revenues, the bulk of the city's revenues are static. The city will continue to take advantage of grant funding and low percentage matching grants for needed infrastructure projects. The Mayor stressed the need to support the park and recreation projects within the City. He urged the City Council to continue the development and use of the Davenport Sports Complex and the Davenport Municipal Airport.

Mayor Sweet told the City Council that the City has one sewer loan outstanding and no debt within the water fund which puts it in a preferred position should the city need to rehab or drill a new well in the future. The Sports Complex bond is in the fifth year of a 20 year payout and the FAA has set aside funds for a major airport rehab project at the Davenport Airport. He mentioned that cities, by nature, do not make any profit and simply collect enough revenues to cover expenditures in order to provide the best service possible to the public. The city does have a "rainy day" fund and as long term loans are satisfied, the city will continue to reinvest in its infrastructure programs. Utility rates and other user fees will be evaluated each year to ensure that they are sufficient to maintain the systems they support.

The Mayor said that he's presented a budget that allows enough money in each fund to support ongoing projects and new ones that satisfy the goals set out in our respective water and sewer plans and to comply with our Six-Year Street Plan and our Comprehensive Plan. He recommends no salient changes from the previous year in appropriations or revenues or any increases in the utility rates.

The Mayor looks forward to working with the City Council in the next few weeks to pass a budget representative of the fiscal responsibility that this city is known for.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Sweet added "Ordinance 1106 Regular Tax Levy for 2017" to new business as item number two.

**COMMENT / SIGN IN SHEET**

Bill Strite signed in to voice his strong opposition to any marijuana businesses within the City of Davenport. He delivered a letter of protest to the Mayor.

Matt Markwert who represents Century West Engineering, signed in to deliver a final draft of the "Truck Route Feasibility Study" to the City Council. Matt outlined the three alternatives that Century West recommends to establish a viable truck route in the southeast part of town. CenturyWest recommended "alternate alignment #1" as a solution to the problem. This alternative includes the City acquiring an additional thirty feet of property to make the existing 15 foot alley useable as a truck route. Matt discussed the merits of building an asphalt roadway with a concrete base to accommodate the truck traffic. This

alignment also includes a lot line adjustment and a reduction of the right of way on Jefferson Street. Matt commented that the City could apply for a T.I.B. grant to construct and pave the route. He told the City Council that T.I.B. grants are not awarded for gravel roads. Construction of a gravel road would be at the City's expense.

Matt thanked the City Council and the Mayor for their consideration. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that the next step in the process would be to meet with our legal department to see what options are available. Pat Rosman suggested that process be completed by the end of 2016.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Building/Planning**

Scott Liebeng reported that the Committee met to discuss regulating chickens within the City of Davenport. Scott said that the Committee asked City Administrator Steve Goemmel to incorporate the committee's suggestions into ordinance form. Scott said the Committee recommends approving the ordinance at the next city council meeting.

### **2016 Budget Finance Committee**

Nathan Hansen reported that the Committee met to review the third quarter financial report. Nathan reported that the City is on budget and has received 91% of its revenues and has spent 65% of its budgeted expenditures for 2016. Nathan commented that the City should finish the year on budget.

The Committee discussed the 2017 regular tax levy and suggested that the City Council take the one percent increase that is allowed by state law.

The Committee discussed the utility rates and decided not to increase the rates in 2017. The Committee suggested a review of the rates for the 2018 budget.

The Committee reviewed the preliminary 2017 budget. Nathan commented that the Committee's recommendations for the 2017 budget will be discussed at the City Council Budget Workshop on October 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. No action was taken.

### **Water/Sewer/Garbage**

Pete Schweiger reported that the Committee met to discuss hay prices from the second cutting and third cutting at the lagoons. Pete said that the Committee recommends accepting \$120 a ton for the second cutting of north circle and \$115 a ton for the south circle. The third cutting didn't exceed the contracted amount in the south circle but it did yield \$135.00 a ton in the north circle.

Pete Schweiger made a motion to accept \$120 a ton for the north circle and \$115 a ton for the south circle for the second cutting and \$135 a ton for the third cutting of the north circle. The motion was seconded by Pat Rosman. The motion carried.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor reminded the City Council that the open burn period is October 14-23, 2016. He asked everyone to follow the rules and be courteous to their neighbors when burning.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*1. Second Reading of Ordinance 1104 Amending the DMC 2.44 to Better Define Cemetery Operations at the Mountain View Cemetery.* The City Council discuss this ordinance at length. The City Council suggested providing people with a sheet of the cemetery rules when they buy a plot to avoid any misunderstanding about the activities allowed in the cemetery. The Council suggested making changes to the draft ordinance that simplified it a bit.

Pete Schweiger made a motion to accept Ordinance 1104 as amended by the City Council at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Pat Rosman. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Resolution 2016-12 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Host Agreement with Plug-in North Central Washington L.L.C.*

City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the City Council to approve this resolution for an electric car charging station on City property. The location of the unit is at the Lincoln County Museum. The City owns the land.

Pete Schweiger made a motion to accept Resolution 2016-12. The motion was seconded by Scott Liebing. The motion carried.

*2. First Reading of Ordinance 1106 Regular Tax Levy for 2017.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the City Council to consider this ordinance. The Finance Committee recommended approving this ordinance as part of the 2017 budget process.

Nathan Hansen made a motion to accept Ordinance 1106 at its first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

### **APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Pete Schweiger made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #12956- #12983 in the amount of \$68,010.67 and Payroll/Vouchers #12956-#12983 in the amount of \$56,032.97. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Theresa Telford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

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David M. Leath Clerk/Treasurer

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Brad Sweet, Mayor