

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were Heath Becker, Jonathan Chapman, Robert Jenkins, Cory Hollis, Chris Ruiz, and Lance Strite.

Absent: Patrick Katz. Heath Becker made a motion to excuse Patrick Katz from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

Also, attending were David Bingaman, Steve Goemmel, Drew Lawson, David Leath, and Jared McLagan.

**\*The meeting was available by remote access on digital media. The City Council met in person.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cory Hollis made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Chapman. The motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT**

Sargent Jared McLagan signed in to give his report. Jared told the city council that there were 162 calls for service last month. 60 of the calls were for traffic offenses. He commented that the number of calls was beginning to slow down because of the weather. Mayor Sweet thanked Jared for his report and his service to the community.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

No Changes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**COMMENT / SIGN IN**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sweet told the council members that AWC is sponsoring an elected officials training course. Registration begins October 11, 2023. He encouraged all the council members to sign up.

The mayor announced that the Washington State Auditor's Office is conducting a three-year audit of the city. They are auditing the years 2020-2023.

Mayor Sweet congratulated the public works department for their "Outstanding Wastewater Facility Award for 2021 and 2022." He thanked the crew for doing such a great job.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Draft Reading of a Non-Exclusive telecommunication Franchise with Lincoln County and Other Matters Properly Relate to Thereto.*

Mayor Sweet asked the City Attorney David Bingaman to brief the city council on Lincoln County's proposal. David gave an overview of the draft agreement and suggested that the city council asked for "Exhibit A." from the county before approving the document. Jonathan Chapman commented that he thought the agreement was reasonable. He suggested that some minor changes be made and agreed that the council should wait for the county to provide "Exhibit A", before approving the document. The mayor suggested that the agreement be discussed after the city council reviews all the information.

*2. First Reading of Ordinance 1192 Amending the Davenport Municipal Code Title 8 Animals and Fowl in Order to Update the Chapter to Better Define the Fees, Fines, and Penalties.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the city council that the Lincoln County Court system needs to have the fees for animal services added to our ordinance so they can properly adjudicate them. Steve told the city council that he added the fees the way the court wanted them.


Lance Strite made a motion to approve Ordinance 1192 at its first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Robert Jenkins. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Robert Jenkins made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #19764 - #19782 in the Amount of \$23,869.19. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Chapman. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lance Strite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Jenkins. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
David M. Leath – Clerk/Treasurer

  
Mayor Brad Sweet