

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

ROLL CALL

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

Motion to Excuse: Heath Becker made a motion to excuse Patrick Katz from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried.

Also, present were, Greg Aguirre, Karen Carruth, Jon Evans, Steve Goemmel, Brian Hudspeth, Robert Jenkins, and Dave Leath.

***The meeting was conducted through digital media due to the novel corona virus pandemic. The City Council met in person.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Ruiz made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by John Chapman. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Brian Hudspeth reported 106 calls for service during the month of January. He briefed the city council on various civil infractions that the sheriff's department won't write tickets for. He commented that if a call is not in the court software, they can't write infractions for things like parking, out-of-date license tabs, and junk vehicles. Mayor Sweet suggested that the city work with the sheriff's office to bring the Davenport Municipal Code more in line with what the deputies can write tickets for.

Mayor Sweet thanked Brian Hudspeth for his report and his service to the community.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Sweet told the City Council that James Kowalkowski withdrew from consideration for the open city council position.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

Nobody.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor told the city council that the city applied for a grant from the Department of Health to replace two water lines. The mayor commented that the city was unable to secure a grant but did receive a low interest loan for 1 million dollars. He said, "we are doing additional testing on the waterlines to make sure the quality of the water is still good." The mayor commented that the city could not afford the loan to replace the lines at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Sweet called the city council into executive session at 7:45 p.m., to discuss the candidates' qualifications for the vacant city council position. He said, "the city council will return at 8:00 p.m.". At 8:00 p.m., the city council returned to the chamber.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2023-03 Updating the City Fee Schedule – Capital Rivers, Inc, Lease Rate. City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the city council to determine Capital Rivers, Inc's., rate increase for 2023. Steve told the city council that all the lessees at the airport had their leases increased to help support the cost of operating the airport. John Chapman commented that our rates should be based on the sustainability of our airport. The city council discussed the rates at other airports of similar size to best determine a fair rate for Capital Rivers, Inc.

John Chapman made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 and to include a rate of thirty cents per square foot as a lease rate for Capital Rivers, Inc. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selection of a Replacement City Councilman for Position Number Four which was Vacated by Jessica Smith. Mayor Sweet introduced Karen Carruth and Robert Jenkins as persons who submitted letters of interest for the open city council seat. The mayor suggested that per the city council policies and procedures, each candidate be interviewed individually. The city council interviewed both candidates individually.

Chris Ruiz made a motion to nominate Robert Jenkins to assume City Council Position Number Four. The motion was seconded by John Chapman. John Chapman, Chris Ruiz, and Lance Strite voted for the motion. Heath Becker and Cory Hollis voted against the motion. The motion carried 3-2.

Robert Jenkins was sworn in by Mayor Sweet and took his seat on the City Council.

2. First Reading of Ordinance 1187 Amending the DMC Title 8.04 in Order to Update the Chapter to Better Define the Public Nuisance Created by Barking Dogs in the City. City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the city council to consider approving this ordinance so law enforcement can better deal with barking dog issues.

Cory Hollis made a motion to approve Ordinance 1187 at its first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Chapman. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Jonathan Chapman made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #19192 -# - #19212 in the Amount of \$73,371.82; and Payroll/Vouchers #19121, #19169 - #19191 in the Amount of \$68,412.36. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Chapman. The motion carried.

ADJOURNEMENT

Johnathon Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


David M. Leath - Clerk


Mayor Brad Sweet