

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Jessica Smith.

Motion: Patrick Katz made a motion to excuse Jessica Smith from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried.

Also, present were, Fred Bell, John Chapman, Steve Goemmel, Robert Jenkins, Adam Johnson, Dave Leath, Jared McLagan, Marjorie Stemmelin, and Barbara Vincent-O'Conner.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lance Strite made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT**

Sergeant Jared McLagan reported 74 calls for service in the month of January. 27 of the calls were for traffic incidents. Jared said that the Sheriff's office was losing one officer and they were in the process of hiring a lateral police officer, and a new deputy. The mayor thanked Sergeant McLagan for his report and his service to the community.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

No Public Hearing.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Sweet added "Interviews for City Council Position #1" to Committee reports as item #2. Mayor Sweet asked that Executive Session be moved to follow Committee Reports on the agenda.

**COMMENT / SIGN IN**

Nobody.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

No Report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water/Sewer/Garbage

Cory Hollis reported that the Committee met to discuss a request from Gary Trautman, who owns the building at 1112 Morgan Street, to have his ERU's reduced in his building. Stacy Breithaupt, representing Mr. Trautman, asked the committee to reduce their charges from three accounts to two accounts because one of the offices is vacant. The Committee recommended following the current Davenport Municipal Code and suggested conducting an audit of the building's ERUs to make sure Mr. Trautman is being charged properly.

The Committee discussed hay prices at the sewer lagoons. Schneider Farms, submitted hay test results to the committee, and they reviewed them. The committee recommended a price of \$200 per ton for the hay in large square bales. The price was based on the first and second cutting which tested in the fair category.

Chris Ruiz made a motion to ask a price of \$200 per ton for the first and second cuttings of 2021. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried.

Interviews for City Council Position Number One. Mayor Sweet introduced John Chapman, Robert Jenkins, Barbara Vincent-O'Conner, and Marjorie Stemmelin. All of them submitted letters of interest for the open city council seat that Nathan Hansen resigned from. The mayor read the filling council vacancies procedure to the City Council and asked the candidates to step away from the chamber so the interviews could be done individually. The order of candidates was selected randomly. All the candidates were interviewed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Sweet called the City Council into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m., to discuss the selection of a potential employee. The mayor announced that the city council would return in 15 minutes. At 7:54 p.m., Mayor Sweet called the City Council back into session.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Selection of a Replacement for City Council Position Number One.* Lance Strite nominated Jonathan Chapman to be appointed to City Council Position Number One. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz.

The motion carried.

Jonathan Chapman took his seat on the City Council.

### **APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Lance Strite made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #17722 - #17751 in the Amount of \$101,546.80; and Payroll/Vouchers #17701- #17721 in the Amount of \$66,560.80. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

### **ADJORNMENT**

Lance Strite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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David M. Leath - Clerk

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Mayor Brad Sweet