

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 25, 2023**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also, present were, Greg Aguirre, Byrne Bennett, Ryan Crandall, Karen Carruth, Hunter Ensor, Steve Goemmel, Dave Leath, Jared McLagan, Kelly Scharbach, and Matthew Wimes.

**\*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 11, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT**

Sargent Jared McLagan asked the City Council if they had any questions or comments for him. He said, "I just dropped in to see if there were any questions regarding policing in Davenport. I don't have the reports for January and the city council has reviewed the stats from December already. Jared told the city council that the road deputy spots are fully staffed but they have three deputies in the academy so we're still short-handed.

Mayor Sweet thanked Jared McLagan for his report and his service to the community.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

No Changes.

**COMMENT / SIGN IN**

Carolyn Olson signed in to address the city council. Carolyn asked the city council to help her get rid of junk and nuisance vehicles at the home next to hers. She showed the city council pictures of the cars and reviewed the Davenport Municipal Code with them. Mayor Sweet thanked Carolyn for her input and told her that the city council would investigate the matter.

Greg Aguirre signed in to address the city council. Greg attended the meeting through digital media. Greg told the city council that there are two resolutions on the agenda pertaining to his company, Capital Rivers, Inc. He asked the council to pass "Resolution 2023-02 First Amendment to an Airport Ground Lease for Capital Rivers, Inc." He said, "this amendment establishes the square footage of the leased area at 43,871."

Greg objected to Resolution 2023-03 which changes the City of Davenport fee schedule and raises his rent 100%. Greg read the rental rates from other airports and asked that the city council not raise his rate. He said that he was being treated unfairly because Air Lift Northwest, which is affiliated with the University of Washington, is the only "permanent use commercial ground lease at the airport," and his rate was being raised to recoup legal fees incurred by the City during the negotiation of a consent agreement. He felt that the consent agreement negotiation was blown out of proportion. Greg stated that he doesn't make any money on this deal. It's merely a pass through to the University of Washington. He commented that the

people of the State of Washington were being treated unfairly. He asked the city council to reconsider this resolution and to charge him fairly.

He told the city council that he agreed to pay \$2,000 towards the city's legal fees for the consent agreement and that he would honor that pledge. He asked the city council for an apology from City Attorney David Bingaman. He said, "Mr. Bingaman accused me of trying to bribe the city during a negotiation that was blown out of proportion and I feel like I'm owed an apology. All we want to do is be left alone and treated fairly."

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor told the city council that interviews for the open city council spot will be conducted on February 8, 2023. There are currently three candidates for the position.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Financial Review of the Fourth Quarter of 2022.* Mayor Sweet asked the council to review the financial report for the fourth quarter of 2022. He said, "with only six members right now, we can't have a committee meeting without creating a quorum." Lance Strite made a motion to approve the fourth quarter 2022 financials. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried.

*2. Resolution 2023-01 Approving Non-Profit and Small Business Coronavirus Relief Funding.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the city council that the Davenport Senior Center submitted a federal coronavirus relief funding, non-profit, and small business grant application asking for \$10,000. The senior center is currently closed due to lack of funding.

Lance Strite made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

*3. Resolution 2023-02 First Amendment to an Airport Ground Lease for Capital Rivers, Inc.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that this resolution establishes the square footage that Capital Rivers, Inc. is renting at the airport.

Lance Strite made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Chapman. The motion carried.

*4. Resolution 2023-04 Updating the City Fee Schedule – Permanent Commercial Rental Rates.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the council that this resolution would decrease the permanent use commercial rate. The rate would go from 50 cents a square foot to .35 cents a square foot. The resolution would also establish a "shared space with city and others rental rate." Cory Hollis suggested that this resolution be tabled until the next meeting so the council can investigate the current lease rates in the area.

Mayor Sweet suggested that the resolution be tabled to the February 8, 2023, meeting. The city council agreed.

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Lance Strite made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #19150 - #19168 in the Amount of \$40,094.40. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Chapman. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNEMENT**

Lance Strite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Chapman. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

  
David M. Leath - Clerk

  
Mayor Brad Sweet