

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 26, 2022**

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Patrick Katz. 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, Adam Johnson, Fred Bell, and Gabe Gants.

***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 12, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Gabe Gants gave his police report. Gabe told the City Council that they are short staffed again. A new hire at the Sherriff's office decided to move to Auburn. He said, "we have a couple of lateral transfers that we are vetting." Mayor Sweet thanked the good sergeant for his report and his service to the community.

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Sweet added "Resolution 2022-01 Resolution Approving of Tourism and Federal Non-Profit Funding Grant Recipients." to new business.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

Nobody.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet announced that the city has hired Delia Breedlove as our new librarian, He told the city council that the library is now open for regular hours and he encouraged everyone to go to the library and meet the new librarian.

The mayor told the city council that he has received three letters of interest for the city council position that Nathan Hansen resigned from. He said, "we'll take letters of interest until February 2, 2022, and then we'll interview the candidates and select one." The mayor suggested that the interviews and selection of a new city council member be put on the February 9th, 2022, meeting agenda.

Mayor Sweet asked the city council members to review his 2022 committee assignments. Brad told them that once a new city council member is appointed, that person will be assigned to the committees that only have two members.

The mayor said that Lincoln County Commissioner Scott Hutsell would like to attend the February 9th meeting to give the city council an update on planned broadband improvements in Lincoln County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Water/Sewer/Garbage

Mayor Sweet asked the committee to meet on February 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. He told the committee that the city received a letter from a business owner who is seeking relief from his water and sewer charges. He commented that the code does allow a rate payer seek relief from the city council. The committee agreed to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of a New Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022. Cory Hollis suggested that Patrick Katz should assume this responsibility because his is the most senior city council member. Cory Hollis made a motion to appoint Patrick Katz as the Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

2. Resolution 2022-01 Approving of Tourism and Federal Non-Profit Funding Grant Recipients. City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the city council to consider this request. He told the city council that the Davenport Gun Club applied for this grant of \$18,000 from the Tourism Fund to help finish the new shooting range. The improved facility will help bring people to Davenport since there is so much interest in the shooting sports right now.

Lance Strite made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Lance Strite made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #17681 - #17700 in the Amount of \$23,396.51. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

ADJORNMENT

Lance Strite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

David M. Leath - Clerk

Mayor Brad Sweet