

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2023**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were Johnathan Chapman, Patrick Katz, Cory Hollis, and Robert Jenkins.

Absent: Heath Becker and Lance Strite.

Motion to Excuse: John Chapman made a motion to excuse Heath Becker and Lance Strite from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

Also, present were, Fred Bell, Mark and Kim Elwood, Steve Goemmel, and Dave Leath.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Patrick Katz made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

No Report.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mark and Kim Elwood's Request to Vacate a Portion of Logan Street and Two Adjacent Parcels for the Purpose of Property Consolidation @ 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Sweet called the public hearing into session at 7:05 p.m. The mayor asked the Elwood's if they would explain their request. Kim commented that they want to vacate all of Logan Street not just half of it. Mark told the city council that they'd like to consolidate their property so they can sell it. Mayor Sweet asked the city council for questions or comments. The mayor suggested that Elwood's get a survey of their property to clarify the boundaries and get an accurate parcel number before the vacation request goes forward. Mark agreed to get a survey and pay for it. City Administrator Steve Goemmel suggested an appraisal for the property that Elwood's want to vacate to better determine its value. Mayor Sweet said, "we'll continue with this request when we have a survey and appraisal for the property that everyone agrees with.

With no further comment, the mayor closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

Shane Gilthvedt signed in to address the city council. Shane told them that he wants to build a duplex on a lot that he owns and he finds the cost of the building permit and plan review prohibitive. He said, "it's a barrier to entry for development in the city." Shane gave the city council information from other municipalities on what permits cost. He said, "they are significantly less than Davenport's." Shane asked

the city council to consider contracting with a different company for building services or to just reduce the fees for permits. He particularly objected to the plan review fees charged by Northwest Code Pros. Councilman Patrick Katz told Shane that he agreed with him. Mayor Sweet suggested a review of the current contract with Northwest Code Pros. Shane continued his comments by saying that he is totally vested in Davenport, and he cannot hire employees because they don't have a place to live. He said, "it's a big problem in Davenport."

Mayor Sweet thanked Shane for his presentation and said that the city council will investigate this issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Airport Committee decided to meet with Gary Stuckle on March 29, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the airport lounge. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information about Gary's hanger and his lease.

The Building/Planning Committee agreed to meet on April 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the city's contract with "The Building Department." All members of this committee agreed to the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet asked the council if they would like the water tank repainted with the date of 1890, spacing it so you can see the date and the name of "Davenport. The consensus was to do it that way.

The mayor told the city council that the open burn period will be April 21st-30th, 2023. He asked everyone to follow the rules and be careful. The Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 8th. He encouraged everyone to participate.

Brad announced that he ordered a flagpole that will go behind the "champions sign" at the entrance to town.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS


None.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Patrick Katz made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #19254 - #19278 in the Amount of \$82,676. The motion was seconded by Robert Jenkins.

ADJOURNMENT

Lance Strite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


David M. Leath - Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Brad Sweet