

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 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, Robert Jenkins, and Lance Strite.

Absent: Heath Becker

Motion to Excuse: Lance Strite made a motion to excuse Heath Becker from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

Also, present were, Brian Hudspeth, Steve Goemmel, Drew Lawson, Dave Leath, and Farren Reinbold.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lance Strite made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Brian Hudspeth reported 68 calls for service during the month of February. Brian told the city council that the Sheriff's Office is having trouble with their staffing. They currently have three deputies who are unable to work. He did say that a new deputy who just graduated from the academy, just started so that helps. Lance Strite asked why the number of traffic stops has fallen so much. Brian told the city council that the weather and the number of complex cases have reduced the deputies abilities to do traffic patrol.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

Farren Young signed in to address the City Council. Farren works for the Lincoln County Weed Board. She gave a presentation to the city council regarding a new \$15 per parcel assessment for noxious weed abatement. She told the city council that the county has a vigorous noxious weed problem and there is a need for more staffing and enforcement. She said, "this assessment will be imposed by the Lincoln County Commissioners later this year and she is making cities aware of the new assessment." City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked if the assessment was the same for a house in Davenport as a parcel of 100 acres in the county. Farren said, "yes." Mayor Sweet asked her if the voters got to vote on this issue. She said, "no, it's up to the commissioners."

Mayor Sweet thanked Farren for her presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Reports.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet congratulated the boys' basketball team for winning the state championship. He also gave a shout out to the wrestling team who did well at state.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2023-08 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Century West Engineering for Design and Construction of the Davenport TiB Seal Coat Project.

City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the city council that the city was awarded a T.I.B. grant for seal coating and part of the process is selecting an engineer for the project. He said, "two firms submitted proposals, and both were interviewed." He suggested that the city council select Century West Engineering for this project as they seemed most familiar with the process. Cory Hollis asked why we needed engineering for a chip seal project. Steve told him it was required for the grant.

Lance Strite made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-08. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Patrick Katz made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #19254 - #19278 in the Amount of \$82,676.38 and Payroll/Vouchers #19229 - #19253 in the amount of \$72,162.86. The motion was seconded by Robert Jenkins. The motion carried.

ADJOURNEMENT

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