

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
November 28, 2018**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were: Chris Ruiz, Nathan Hansen, Pete Schweiger, Theresa Telford, Cory Hollis and Lance Strite.

Absent: Patrick Katz

Theresa Telford made a motion to excuse Patrick Katz from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The motion carried.

Also present were: Joseph Abell, Ashley Anderson, Karen Carruth, Sonya Falk, Ronny Falk, Steve Goemmel, Megan Holbrook, Dave Leath, Vanessa McClure, Marcia Smith, and Craig Sweet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lance Strite made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No changes.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

City of Davenport Fire Chief Craig Sweet signed in to address the City Council. Craig asked the City Council to consider an increase in the volunteer firefighter's stipends. He told the City Council that the firefighters currently receive \$10 an hour for fire hours and \$5 dollars an hour for meetings. The meetings are a two hour minimum. Craig asked the City Council to consider raising that rate to \$12 an hour for fire hours and \$7.00 per hour for meetings.

Pete Schweiger made a motion to pay the volunteer firefighters \$12 per hour for a fires and \$7.00 per hour for fire meetings in 2019. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Street Committee – Theresa Telford told the City Council that they met with Dave Hubbard to discuss hay prices for the third cutting at the crop circles. Theresa said that the Committee recommends accepting a price of \$153 per ton for the hay.

Nathan Hansen made a motion to accept \$153 per ton for the third cutting of hay at the crop circles. Theresa Telford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet thanked the members of the Davenport Lions Club and the Davenport Chamber of Commerce for the new Christmas decorations on Morgan Street. The Mayor told the City Council that the local Washington Department of Transportation office has decided not to sand or de-ice Highway 2 or Highway 25. The Mayor commented that the City hasn't had formal notification of this policy and he's hoping to talk to the agency as soon as possible about the issue.

The Mayor briefed the City Council on his meetings with Margie Hall of the Lincoln County Economic Development Council regarding improving broadband service within the City. He said that he hopes to find more options for the city in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading of Ordinance 1134 Amending the DMC 15.05 Signs by Updating the Language to Conform to Modern Methods of Advertising. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that the Street Committee met to discuss updating the section of the code that deals with signs. He presented a draft ordinance with suggestions from the Committee and asked the City Council to review the ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.

2. Allowing the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Etter, McMahon, Lamberson, Van Wert & Oreskovich, P.C. for Legal Services. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that our city attorney suggested that the City retain this firm for specialized legal services regarding land use and zoning. He asked the City Council to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with this firm.

Lance Strite made a motion to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract with Etter, McMahon, Lamberson, Van Wert, & Oreskovich, P.C for legal services. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

3. Accepting the First Street water line and sewer line project as complete and authorizing the final invoice to DW Excavating in the amount of \$102,173.30. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that DW Excavating has completed punch list items for this project and he asked the City Council to accept the project as complete and to pay the invoice.

Theresa Telford made a motion to accept the First Street water line and sewer line project as complete and to pay DW Excavating's final invoice in the amount of \$102,173.30. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to accept Claims/Vouchers #15091 – #15102 in the amount of \$50,556.31. The motion was seconded by Lance Strite. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Telford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

David M. Leath
City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Brad Sweet