

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 12, 2022**

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Patrick Katz

Motion to Excuse: Lance Strite made a motion to excuse Patrick Katz from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried.

Also, present were, Steve Goemmel, Sabrina Warwick, Drew Lawson, and Jim Buchanan

***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 September 28, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Vacation Request for the South 20' of Sinclair Street between 10th and 11th Street; and a Request to Vacate all of Lot1, Block 61, Essigs Addition, to the City of Davenport.

Mayor Sweet opened the public hearing at 7:10 pm. Mayor Sweet asked if anyone had any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the vacation request from Jim Buchanan. Jim Buchanan stated that he wanted to address the council regarding his vacation request. He stated that he would like to build a new shop on this lot and made sure to let everyone know that it wouldn't affect the sewer line that is near the property. Mayor Sweet informed the council that Cassandra Becker from Katz Realty was paid to give a monetary valuation of the property and she had calculated a value of \$15,028 on the said property. He reminded the council that her report was in their packets. The council discussed the value that Cassandra put on it and the usability of the lot. The council told Mr. Buchanan that it would be on the agenda at the next council meeting. The Mayor closed the meeting at 7:23p.m.

2. Proposed Revenue Sources for the 2023 Budget at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Sweet opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. The council discussed proposed revenue sources for the 2023 budget. There are no anticipated changes currently. They stated that most projects had been completed and are proposing a 3% increase for the water and sewer utility bills and a 1% increase for the 2023 tax levy. The Mayor closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No Changes.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

Drew Lawson signed in and asked the council if they had any updates on the homeless people that had been in the park. The council stated that the two people that were in the park had moved on to another area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Heath Becker addressed the City Council as head of the Finance Committee. He stated that they reviewed the 3rd quarter, and everything looked extremely good. He highlighted Phase 2 of the Sports Complex which should be completed next year along with the grant for the walkway. He also mentioned the 1% proposed increase for the 2023 annual tax levy. There is also a proposal for 3% water and sewer increase in 2023.

He also mentioned that the city is advertising for an additional crew member that will be needed as Fred and Joel will be retiring next year. Councilman Chapman asked why they were proposing the 3% increases and Councilmember Becker brought up the need for maintenance, projects, and repair.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet delivered his Annual Budget Message for 2023 to the City Council. He stated that the bulk of revenue is static again this year. He recommended that we continue to invest in infrastructure and would like to see more support for park and rec projects. He went on to highlight successful projects from this past year such as the runway taxi lane relocation project, the Davenport Municipal Airport receiving the Airport Project of the Year Award, and Airlift NW. The Mayor also talked about the need for the 3% increase in water and sewer so that money can be set aside for any future projects or needs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to Discuss Pending Legal Action Against the City at the Airport. City Attorney David Bingaman will be present via zoom.

Mayor Sweet announced that the City Council would retire to executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a legal action against the City of Davenport regarding the airport. City of Davenport Attorney David Bingaman was present by zoom for the meeting. The City Council returned to the council chambers at 8:12 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

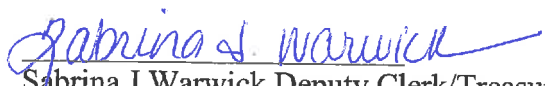
None.


APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Lance Strite made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #18873 - #18903 in the amount of \$149,877.54 and Payroll/Vouchers #18849 - #18872 in the amount of \$70967.24. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Lance Strite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


Sabrina J Warwick Deputy Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Brad Sweet