

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
October 24, 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, Patrick Katz, Theresa Telford, Cory Hollis and Lance Strite.

Also present were: Fred Bell, Gene Hein, Margie Hall, Steve Goemmel, Dave Leath, and Marcia Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cory Hollis made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Pete Schweiger. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2019 Preliminary Budget Hearing @ 7:05 p.m. – Mayor Sweet opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. The Mayor presented a preliminary budget for 2019 and asked the City Council for questions or comments. There were none.

The Mayor asked the public for questions or comments. There were none. Mayor Sweet told the City Council that there would be one more public hearing on the budget before the City Council can move to adopt a budget.

Mayor Sweet closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No changes.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2018 City Council Budget Workshop for the 2019 Budget

Mayor Sweet opened the City Council budget workshop at 6:00 p.m. City Administrator Steve Goemmel went over the proposed revenue sources for 2019. He told the City Council that the City's revenue sources are static by nature and he didn't anticipate any new revenue sources for 2019. Steve asked the City Council to consider a three percent raise in the water, sewer, and garbage rates. Steve reminded them that one of the city's wells failed and the cost of the repair was \$97,000. The City had dip into its reserve funds to cover the expenditure. Lance Strite told the City Council that the Finance Committee recommended a four percent increase in the water rates for 2019 to help replenish the City's reserve fund.

The City Council discussed the annual tax levy for 2019. They decided to take the statutory one percent increase in property taxes that is allowed under Washington State law. There was discussion of imposing a six percent electric and gas utility tax for 2019. The City Council declined to impose this tax.

The City Council discussed a staff COLA for 2019. The City Council passed Ordinance 1122 in December of 2017. This ordinance established a method for determining COLA's for the city staff. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that the COLA per ordinance for 2019 is 3.3%. The City Council agreed to include this increase in the 2019 budget.

Mayor Sweet presented a preliminary budget for 2019. He asked the City Council to review the budget and make suggestions or comments at the next budget hearing.

With no further comments, the Mayor closed the budget workshop at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet read his annual budget message to the City Council. The Mayor highlighted the static nature of the revenue streams for the City. He went through all the revenue sources and possible grant opportunities available in 2019. He told the City Council that it's his intention to continue to invest in infrastructure and to promote use of the Davenport Water Park, the Sports Complex, and the Davenport Airport.

The Mayor told the City Council that the city has one outstanding sewer loan and no outstanding water loans which puts the city in a good position to consider rehabbing our existing wells or drilling a new well altogether. The Sports Complex bond is in its eighth year of a 20 year payout. The Mayor commented that he'd like to see a multipurpose field for soccer developed at the complex.

He went on to say that the City has funds set aside by the FAA for a major airport rehab project. In future years, funds will have to be set aside for the design and construction phase of this project. He commented that municipalities, by nature, do not make a profit and simply collect enough revenue to provide the best service possible to the public.

To fulfill these goals, he presented a budget that allows enough money to support ongoing projects and new ones set out in the respective water and sewer plans and to meet the needs outlined in the six-year street plan and the comprehensive plan for the City of Davenport. There have been no salient changes from the previous year in appropriations or revenues so the Mayor would like to see a three percent increase in utility rates for 2019. This increase will help the City be able to continue to put funds aside for well development and other projects.

Brad told the City Council that he looks forward to working with them to pass a budget representative of the fiscal responsibility that this city is known for. The Mayor listed the City's accomplishments for 2018:

- Well number six rehab project
- Chip Sealing Sinclair and 13th Streets
- Chip Sealing Maxwell Street
- Airport Land Acquisition
- Logan Park Land Purchase
- DOT ROW Land Purchase
- Sewer Line Replacement
- Seventh Street Wall and Sidewalk Repairs
- Concrete Sidewalk Repairs
- Airport Hanger Construction

The Mayor thanked the City Council for their service to the community.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Lincoln County Economic Development Council's Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Operate an Office Building in a Residential Zone at 201 Morgan Street.*

Mayor Sweet recognized Davenport Planning Commission Chairman Gene Hein. Gene told the City Council that the Planning Commission approved the Lincoln County Economic Council's request for a conditional use permit to operate an office building in a residential zone at 201 Morgan Street. Mayor Sweet thanked Gene for his report.

The Mayor recognized Lincoln County Economic Development Council Director Margie Hall. Margie told the City Council that the building at 201 Morgan was gifted to her organization. They considered leasing it to a person who wanted to open a daycare facility but that didn't work out. Her new renter is an electrical contractor who will use the place for office space.

Patrick Katz made a motion to grant the Lincoln County Economic Development Council's request for a conditional use permit for an office building in a residential zone at 201 Morgan Street. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Theresa Telford made a motion to accept Claims/Vouchers #15014 – #15028 in the amount of \$30,766.42. The motion was seconded by Nathan Hansen. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Nathan Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Theresa Telford. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

David M. Leath
City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Brad Sweet