

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Patrick Katz.

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

Also, present were, Fred Bell, David Bingaman, Jim Buchanan, Steve Goemmel, Drew Lawson, and Dave Leath.

***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 October 26, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

No Report.

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearing.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Sweet added Grant Discussion for a New Well's Source and Storage, and Funding Thereof – Loans and Grant Possibilities." to New Business as item number two. He also added, "Allowing the Mayor to Sign a Consent Agreement with Five Star Bank, Inc." to New Business as item number three.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Lance Strite told the City Council that the Committee met to discuss one application for aid and decided to recommend using the Neighbors Helping Neighbors fund to cover the applicants past due amount.

Lance Strite made a motion to grant request DVP-05 in the amount of \$242.03. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sweet told the City Council that the city staff conducted interviews for the position of crewmember and their recommendation was to hire Mr. John Taylor for the open position. He commented that he called the gentleman and offered him the position and he accepted. His starting date will be December 5, 2022.

The mayor urged the entire City Council to attend the next meeting in person because our final public hearing on the 2023 budget will be on the agenda. If there are no changes, the mayor commented that an ordinance adopting the budget will be on the agenda.

Mayor Sweet updated the council members on the status of three separate public records request. He urged the council members to produce that requested information in a timely manner.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Sweet called the City Council into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss pending legal action against the City of Davenport. City Attorney David Bingaman will attend by telephone. The mayor asked for at least 20 minutes for the executive session.

At 7:23, Mayor Sweet and the City Council returned from executive session.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading of Ordinance 1185 Providing for the Vacation of a Portion of Sinclair Street Right of Way for the Purpose of Access to a Proposed Residence in the City of Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington.

Mayor Sweet reminded the City Council that there was a public hearing on this request on October 12, 2022, and that Mr. Jim Buchanan requested to vacate 20' of the 80' ROW of Sinclair Street, Block 61, Lots 2-5 Essigs Addition to the City of Davenport.

Heath Becker made a motion to approve Ordinance 1185 at it's first a final reading. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

2. Grant Discussion for a New Well's Source, and Funding Thereof – Loans and Grant Possibilities. City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked the City Council to consider the need for an additional water supply for the city. He commented that the city will need to improve both the water and sewer systems if there is more growth within the city. Mayor Sweet commented that eventually the city will need to have more water capacity. He said, "that could be a new well or additional storage tanks."

Lance Strite made a motion in support of pursuing grant funding and sources of funding for a new well. The motion was seconded by Johnathan Chapman. The motion carried.

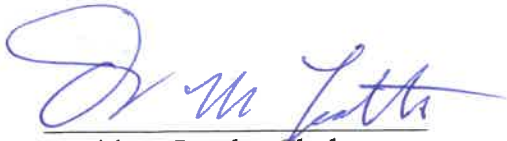
3. Allowing the Mayor to sign a consent agreement with Five Star Bank. Lance Strite made a motion to allow the mayor to sign a lessee consent form with Five Star Bank. The motion was seconded by Jessica Smith. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Lance Strite made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #18948 - #18975 in the Amount of \$186,775.67 and Payroll/Vouchers #18947 - #18922 in the amount of \$65,537.82. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. 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



Mayor Brad Sweet