

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 24, 2023**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Brad Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present were Jonathan Chapman, Patrick Katz, Cory Hollis, and Chris Ruiz.

Also, present were Mike Buck, Lindsey Efraimson, Gene Hein, Jaydon Hiler, Steve Goemmel, Dave Leath, Gracie Massie, Brooklyn Massie, Becky Moeller, Ron Moeller, Rob Morcom, Bridget Rohner, John Stiles, and Eva Williamson.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Patrick Katz made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Cory Hollis. The motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT**

No Report.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

No Changes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**COMMENT / SIGN IN**

Ron Moeller, Becky Moeller, Rob Morcom, and Bridget Rohner signed in to address the city council. Bridget and Ron spoke for the group who represent the Davenport Gun Club. Bridget told the city council that the Gun Club received a request from the city for an easement on their land for a walking path. She said “the club wants a hold harmless agreement for the pathway, a berm to shield walkers from the shooters. She also voiced concerns about weed management and right of way limits for the property.

Ron Moeller told the city council that he was very unhappy that nobody from the city showed up to a meeting with the engineer on the pathway project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee**

Cory Hollis told the city council that the committee met to review two applications for tourism grants and one application for an ARPA grant. Cory said the committee recommends approving a \$1,000 tourism grant to the Lincoln County Historical Society to help fund the Visitor Information Center. Cory Hollis made a motion to approve a \$1,000 tourism grant to help fund the Visitor Information Center at the museum. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried. The Committee recommended rejection of the other applications.

Cory briefed the city council on an incident where a tree blew down in the park and mangled the railing. The committee recommends paying for the repairs out of the city budget because the cost of repairs is almost the same as the insurance deductible.

The committee reviewed a real estate market evaluation for a vacation request on Logan Street. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the committee that for Morgan Street frontage, the valuation was \$1.45 per square foot. The committee recommended that the city council review the information and have a street committee meeting on June 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the vacation request. The city council agreed.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Sweet told the city council that the late filing period for the open council seats is in July. He urged anyone interested in serving on the city council to apply.

Mayor Sweet read a thank you letter from the Lincoln Historical Society for the city's help in cleaning up the land around the museum.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*1. Approval of a 10' Variance on the Eastern Property Line for Lot 1 and the West 12' of lot 2, Block 21, Timmons 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition to the City of Davenport, better known as 915 10<sup>th</sup> Street.* Davenport Planning Commission Chairman Gene Hein told the city council that the commission approved a 10-foot variance on the eastern property line for lot 1, and the west 12' of lot 2, block 21, Timmons 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition to the City of Davenport. Gene cited the uniqueness of his lot and special conditions created by the slope of the lot as criteria for approving the variance. The Planning Commission voted 3-0 for the variance.

City Administrator Steve Goemmel asked Shane if the alleyway would be restored to its original condition. Shane said it would be. Mike Buck asked Shane if he would have the property line surveyed, so he doesn't intrude on his property line.

Johnathan Chapman made a motion to approve a 10' variance on the eastern border of Shane Gilthvedt's property. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

*2. Resolution 2023-12 Accepting a Proposal for Asphalt Patching and Repairs on City Streets.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the council that the city received two bids for our paving project and Inland Asphalt Paving was the lowest responsible bidder.


Johnathan Chapman made a motion to accept Inland Asphalt Paving's bid of \$74,660.40. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried.

### **APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Chris Ruiz made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #19439 - #19451 in the Amount of \$12,337.34. The motion was seconded by Johnathan Chapman. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Johnathan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
David M. Leath – Clerk/Treasurer

  
Mayor Brad Sweet