

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 14, 2023**

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also, present were Gary and Sue Beckman, Barb Badgley, Mark Elwood, Steve Goemmel, Margie Hall, Brenda Hendrickson, Darian Schmidt, Scott Hutsell, Christine Jenkins, Drew Lawson, Dave Leath, Jared McLagan, Chris Stein, Cathy Plumb, Mary Scharff, and Lanae Wiater.

**\*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 24, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Johnathan Chapman. The motion carried.

**POLICE REPORT**

Deputy Chris Stein reported 127- calls for service in the month of May. He told the City Council that most of the calls were traffic. He commented that there were more calls for thefts in May than in previous months. He pointed out that most of them were at Safeway. Mayor Sweet thanked the deputy for his report and his service to the community.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

No Changes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**COMMENT / SIGN IN**

Brenda Hendrickson signed-in to address the City Council. Brenda read a letter that detailed her unhappiness with her neighbor and issues with one of their dogs. She went on to say that she's been given conflicting information by the Lincoln County Sheriff Office and the City Clerk regarding violations. No tickets have been written, and the dog has not been deemed dangerous. She commented that she was angry about the situation and urged the City Council to declare the home a nuisance.

Christine Jenkins signed-in to address the City Council. Christine asked the City Council to consider a donation to the Davenport Senior Center. She told the City Council that many changes have been made at the Senior Center and that she and the board are hoping to make the center a community hub. She went on to say that the board's focus will be to improve the building and facilities. She told the City Council that the Senior Center currently feeds six to eight seniors per day. Mayor Sweet thanked the people from the center for coming to the meeting and told them that the City Council would consider their request.

Lincoln County Commissioner Scott Hutsell and Margie Hall signed in to address the City Council. Scott told the City Council that Lincoln County has received four broadband grants to build infrastructure in Lincoln County. He detailed the grants and the progress made so far on the project. He told the City Council that he would be back asking for a franchise agreement to install poles and infrastructure within the city.

Margie Hall introduced herself as the new director of the project and she told the City Council how exciting the project is, and how they hope to have it done by next fall.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance Committee**

Cory Hollis told the city council that the committee met to review two requests to vacate city property and to establish a price for the properties if the City Council chooses to sell them. Cory said, "for the small, triangle parcels of land, the Committee recommends a price of one dollar per square foot. This price is based on an appraisal of the property." The Committee recommends selling these parcels so that Elwood's can consolidate their property.

The Committee decided to offer a price of \$1.60 a square foot for the property on Logan Street if the City Council decides to sell it. Cory told the City Council that the Committee recommends that the full council discuss the issue of vacating the land. The Committee made no recommendation.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

No Report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*1. First Reading of Ordinance 1189 – Vacating Two Parcels for the Purpose of Property Consolidation in the City of Davenport.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that Mark and Kim Elwood have applied to vacate two small triangle parcels that border their property at 30 Logan Street. The Finance Committee recommended a price of one dollar per square foot for the land. Mayor Sweet asked Mark Elwood if he agreed with the price and he indicated that he did.

Cory Hollis made a motion to approve accepting a price of one dollar per square foot for the land. The motion was seconded by Patrick Katz. The motion carried.

Mayor Sweet suggested a second reading of this ordinance to get the correct data included in the ordinance and to give the City Council more time to consider the request. The City Council agreed.

*2. First Reading of Ordinance 1190- Vacating a Portion of Logan Street for the Purpose of Property Consolidation in the City of Davenport.* City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the City Council that Elwood's have applied to vacate all of Logan Street from First Street to the easterly border of the city. Chris Ruiz and Patrick Katz recommended not selling the land to Elwood's. Mayor Sweet suggested that the City Council do a second reading of this ordinance to give everyone time to consider the issue. The City Council agreed.

### **APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS**

Jonathon Chapman made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #19452 - #19511 in the Amount of \$127,571.66 and Payroll/Vouchers # 19455 - #19479 in the Amount of \$72,241.62. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Patrick Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
David M. Leath - Clerk/Treasurer

  
Mayor Brad Sweet