

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DAVENPORT CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 25, 2023**

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Robert Jenkins. Lance Strite made a motion to excuse Robert Jenkins from the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Chapman.

Also attending were Steve Goemmel, Drew Lawson, and Mike Wilkerson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cory Hollis made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

POLICE REPORT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Sweet opened the public hearing for the 2024 Preliminary Budget Hearing @ 7:05 p.m. Mayor Sweet told the city council that there would be no changes in the preliminary budget that was presented at the last meeting. The mayor asked City Administrator Steve Goemmel for timelines on some of the projects that were planned and on the likelihood of receiving some of the grants that the city applied for. Steve gave a report to the city council.

The mayor asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none. With no further comments, the mayor closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Mayor Sweet added Resolution 2023-23 to New Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

COMMENT / SIGN IN

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Council Budget Workshop for the 2024 Budget.

Cory Hollis reported that the council discussed the following projects planned for 2024:

- 1.Sports Complex Phase 2 and partnering with the county.
- 2.Airport PAPI and AWOS 3 Design/Construction.
3. TIB Chip Seal Grant
4. New building at the cemetery
5. An update on the proposed gun range project.

The proposed revenues sources for 2024 were discussed. The City Council reviewed the annual tax levy and decided to take the 1% allowed by state law. They agree to raise the water rates by 3%, the sewer rates by 1%, and a 5% increase in the garbage charges. The council agreed to give a 4% COLA for city employees and proposed the purchase of two vehicles for the city.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Non-Exclusive Telecommunication Franchise with Lincoln County and Other Matters Properly Relating to Thereto. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the city council that he received Lincoln County's response from Adam Walser. There was mutual agreement on all items except one. He commented that the city is asking for a slight change in some language, and he expects a clean copy of the agreement for council review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2023-21 Changing the Fee Schedule to Reflect the 2024 Utility Rates. The City Administrator asked the city council to consider this resolution. It reflects the fees for the 2024 utility rates.

Lance Strite made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-21. Patrick Katz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Resolution 2023-22 – Allowing the City to Surplus Unused Supplies and Equipment. City Administrator Steve Goemmel said that the items listed on the resolution were unused and taking up space. He asked the city council to consider this resolution.

Lance Strite made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-22. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Chapman. The motion carried.

3. Resolution 2023-23 Authorizing the Purchase of City Vehicles. City Administrator Steve Goemmel told the city council that he got three bids for vehicles and the lowest responsible bidder was Davenport Motor Company. Patrick Katz asked if the truck was going to replace one in the fleet. Steve told him that indeed the truck was a replacement for a 1980 pickup truck. Patrick asked who would use the car. Steve replied that there is a need for city employees to travel to conferences and to work around town. Chris Ruiz voiced his support to purchase the vehicle.

Heath Becker made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-23. The motion was seconded by Chris Ruiz. The motion carried.

4. First Reading of Ordinance 1193 Establishing the Regular Tax Levy for 2024. Mayor Sweet commented that the city council agreed to the one percent increase in the tax levy during the council budget workshop.

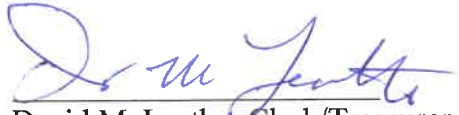
Lance Strite made a motion to pass Ordinance 1193 on its first and final reading. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Lance Strite made a motion to pay Claims/Vouchers #19829 - #19842 in the Amount of \$16,233.37. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Jonathan Chapman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Heath Becker. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


David M. Leath - Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor Brad Sweet