



REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers – 1300 First Street

August 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

1. FLAG SALUTE - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Candice Makos

Councilmember Stana Carlisle

Councilmember Jim Ancich

Councilmember Raymond Robinson

Councilmember Miles Wenzel

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich to approve the agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson to approve the consent agenda, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Councilmember Wenzel stated they discussed Heat Related Disconnects and the Budget.

Public Safety -Councilmember Wenzel stated they discussed EMS Cost Recovery,

Parks -Councilmember Carlisle stated they discussed the Lions Park repairs.

7. CITY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Finance Director - Director Pope stated she had given all the department heads the budget worksheets which are due back on September 15th.

Deputy Police Chief - Deputy Chief Miskell discussed National Night Out. Officer Bailey graduated from the academy and is in FTO. He should be done in Mid October/November. They are working on ordinances. The department is encouraging people to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on occurring incidents. Officer Lefor received a commendation for a life saving incident.

Fire Chief - Chief Falley talked about National Night out and thanked the Friends of Highland Park. The department has been granted a change in occupancy for sleeping quarters. They have a bedroom set up and volunteers staying sporadically which allows for a quick response thanks to volunteers staying there. During the public safety meeting, they confirmed a new volunteer. We have three others in the process. Firehouse subs grant was submitted on July 13th. We should hear back by October 13th. DNR called regarding their fire assistance program. We qualify for wildlife

protection grants. they have engines that they gift to vol ff depts. there are only 2 in the county now. The process starts in October. He would like permission to apply for grant program. This is for a wildland fire truck. Cost to city would be outfitting the equipment. Chief Falley will bring back costs before applying for the grant.

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel to apply for a grant for a DNR wildland fire truck ,
Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich,
Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

Public Works Superintendent - Superintendent Nations stated the Mill Creek Dr culvert is fixed. It had dropped 16 inches. Alder drive repairs will start next week. The department will cut asphalt on Friday. Paving will be on August 28th.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pauley asked that everyone look out for neighbors during the heat. He was encouraged to hear there may be hiring at Cosmo Specialty Fibers.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2023-09 (Utility Disconnects during Heat Related Events)

Motion made by Councilmember Ancich, Seconded by Councilmember Robinson.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich,
Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

B. EMS, Fire & Law Cost Recovery

Motion made by Councilmember Wenzel, Seconded by Councilmember Makos.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich,
Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

C. 2023-11 (Water & Sewer Rates for RV Park Addition)

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson, Seconded by Councilmember Carlisle.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Makos, Councilmember Carlisle, Councilmember Ancich,
Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Wenzel

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Makos – Stated Public Works did a great job at Mill Creek for festival.

Councilmember Carlisle – Also stated Public Works did a great job at Mill Creek and hope everyone makes it out to the festival.

Councilmember Ancich-Lions Park bathrooms keep getting vandalized. can we put cameras?steve say can put outside. Lions club has cameras and we can have access to those. DC says it is difficult to figure who did it. Happy to see Fire Truck out.

Councilmember Robinson – Thanked the Police Department for their responses in neighborhood and the Fire Department for what they are building.

Councilmember Wenzel - Recognized Officer Lefor for his actions in a high stress incident.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.