

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 12, 2024 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Darin Drill and Karen Fluegge(*The New Ulm Journal*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular January 8, 2024 meeting and the Special Meeting of January 17, 2024 were approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$144,707.59 were approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Increasing the election judge wages from \$12 to \$15/per hour was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

A request for street lights on 9th Street on the west side of Hwy 111 near Dollar General was discussed. Council instructed the Clerk to work with the city engineer.

A flashing light for the crosswalk on HWY 111 near Trinity Lutheran Church was requested. Council instructed the clerk to reach out to MNDOT to work with them regarding options for the City.

Personnel committee noted that Josh Anderson has turned in his resignation with the City. He will work until March 10 and will be a temp employee as needed. The committee recommends paying J Anderson his accumulated annual leave and comp time plus 35% of his sick leave that he has accumulated.

Final pay for Josh Anderson will be paid out as his full accumulated annual leave and comp time plus 35% of sick time that he has accrued as of March 10 which was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by F. Froehlich, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Personnel Committee granted permission to post, interview and select a candidate for the maintenance worker position at a rate per hour of \$22 to \$28 hour and will be brought back to council for final approval in March which was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Matt Anthony had a request for residents on online bill pay. The Clerk will look into how it will work with the the current billing system as the system is being upgraded.

The city received \$50,981 in one-time aid for cities for a public safety purpose on December 26. Maintenance Supervisor Darin Drill presented a wish list for possible items that could be purchased. Council selected a man basket, traffic cones, AED, respirator masks, utility locator, ladders, safety clothing, gas monitor for the manholes, and a flashing crosswalk for 6th and Highway 111. Drill will need to get prices on the select items. Noted also the fire department will probably submit a wish list as well.

Wish list items for the use of the public safety aid include a man basket, traffic cones, AED, respirator masks, utility locator, ladders, safety clothing, gas monitor for the manholes, and a flashing crosswalk for 6th and Highway 111 and prices to be determined was approved on a motion made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann and which carried with all voting in favor.

Annual contract with Frontline Warning Systems was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

A request for funding from MN River Valley Scenic Byway was presented. No action was taken.

LG220 – Permit – Sioux Trails Ducks Unlimited - Bingo Event March 17, 2024 was approved on a motion made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) March 12, 6:00 PM, Regular Meeting, TUESDAY
- 2) April 8, 2024, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

At 7:14 pm the council went into a closed meeting to discuss receipt of attorney-client advice regarding potential litigation or claims related to Stickney Hill Ingredients, LLC which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

At 8:00 pm the council reopened the regular meeting which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Based on the information from legal counsel to Stickney Hill Ingredients, LLC of items of completion which were due on February 9, which some items were not completed and which included a signed SIU agreement, which has not been signed the city will act without further notice to terminate service at 734 6th Street which was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer