

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2023
7:00 P.M.
ROYALTON CITY CENTER

Call to Order/Attendance

Mayor Weiss-Pesta called the Regular City Council meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was said.

On roll call members present were: Weiss-Pesta; Schott, Sowada, Verley and Lanners.

People present: Lisa Keske; Jasen Keske; Phil Martin, Bolton-Menk; Jason McDonald, Police Chief; Jill Vannurden; Phil Vannurden; Tim Majaski, Planning and Zoning; Ted VanHove, Fire Chief; Sheila Bergren, Morrison County Record; Stacy Dillenburg, Deputy Clerk; and Leah Walberg, City Clerk.

Minutes

Verley moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on September 12, 2023, 2nd by Lanners. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Schott moved to approve the minutes of the Special Closed City Council meeting on September 28, 2023, 2nd by Sowada. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Department Reports

Police Department– General report submitted.

Police Chief Jason McDonald updated the council on the LETG (Law Enforcement Technology Group) 1 year contract. Sowada moved to approve the 1-year contract, January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for \$2,787.07, 2nd by Schott. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Officer McDonald had informed the council about a contract with Morrison County regarding the Information Technology Support Contract to help with the squad computers. Due to similar programs used throughout Morrison County in different agencies, it would be in the city's best interest to team up with the county. Schott moved to approve the Information Technology Support Contract for 1 year with Morrison County, 2nd by Sowada. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Fire & Rescue –General report submitted.

Fire Chief Ted VanHove informed the council there is an opportunity to apply for a grant up to \$40,000.00 to be used for turn-out gear. Schott moved to approve applying for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Works--No report submitted.

Verley moved to approve rehiring Tina Harrington as the Water/Wastewater operator for \$29.11 for 24 hours a week, 2nd by Lanners. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Verley informed the council that with the rehiring of Tina Harrington, Joseph Sobania whom the city has a contract with will end his contract. Verley moved to pay Sobania an additional \$600.00 for October to end his contract with the city, 2nd by Lanners. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Verley informed the council that he had spoken with Brandon Tresco, owner of LBT Concrete/South Side Sand and Gravel. The prices were discussed. Verley moved to approve the rates presented for the use of the equipment available from LBT Concrete/South Side Sand and Gravel, 2nd by Lanners. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Verley informed the council that Tom Kalis will be attending the Minnesota Rural Water Association classes to get his Water Class D license at a cost of \$255.00.

City Office – General report submitted.

Lanners moved to approve the 3rd Quarter petty cash report as presented, 2nd by Schott. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Jill Vannurden, Buds to Blossoms

Jill and Phil Vannurden, Buds to Blossoms, owners of the building at 213 East Centre Street, Royalton along with Jasen and Lisa Keske, Alley Cuts owners, were present at the meeting. They had brought forward how as a single building with 2 businesses and 1 water meter they should only be charged for 1 unit (1:1 water usage) instead of 2. After conversations amongst the council on how to proceed, it would be discussed at a planning meeting about possibly changing how the water is billed for commercial properties. No action was taken.

Holiday Station Stores

Tim Majaski, Planning and Zoning, asked the council about any comments and concerns from the residents at the September 12, 2023 public hearing and how the council would like to proceed with the project.

Hawthorn Street/CSAH 234 Project

Phil Martin, Bolten & Menk, was present to update the council about the upcoming ending of the Hawthorn Street project and presented to them the proposed final assessments. At this time the proposed amount to be assessed would be \$194,251.54. Verley moved to approve calling for a Public Hearing on November 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. to adopt the final assessment role, 2nd by Sowada. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Added Agenda Items

None

Bills

Schott moved to pay all bills presented with the check numbers 39044-39082 in the amount of \$185,140.01, 2nd by Sowada. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Schott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m., 2nd by Sowada. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

City Clerk, Leah Walberg