

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

November 22, 2021

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:18 p.m. by Mayor Bob Roesler on Monday, November 22, 2021 with members Carlee Miller, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell, and Matt Larson and Bob Roesler present. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Jessica Omgig.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Olson, carried.

Council agenda was discussed including custom education. 5 fire fighters going through EMT classes, reimbursable by the state. Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Public hearing was postponed to December 6th.

Kelly Yahnke with Bolton & Menk was present to provide an update regarding the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation project. Mr. Yahnke discussed resolution about funding. The resolution would come up with a more reasonable way to increase rates. Mr. Yahnke discussed current and projected user rates. Also mentioned rates used by neighboring communities as a comparison.

Shannon discussed interest rates. Initial interest rate was 1.25% could be looking at 1% for 30 years. City should still pursuing a bonding bill appropriation. State also increased the Wif Grant up to 5 million. The city will borrow as billed not all at once. First bill projected to be received in December, due for payment January 15th, 2022. Project is estimated to take over two years.

Miller raised concerns about citizens that are already struggling to pay their utilities. How will they be able to afford the increases? Shannon mentioned that the state as part of their funding is based on what they think is affordable. Motion by Ringnell to accept Resolution 2021-19, second by Larson. Ringnell, yea; Larson, yea; Roesler, yea; Olson, yea; Miller, yea. Resolution 2021-19 approved.

Pre-construction meeting will be December 2nd at 1:30. City staff to be invited later.

Discussion about 2021-18 assessments for unpaid municipal charges. Motion by Larson to approve Resolution 2021-18, second by Ringnell. Ringnell, yea; Larson, yea; Roesler, yea; Olson, yea; Miller, yea. Resolution 2021-18 approved.

Hughes discussed Shop With A Cop. Motion by Ringnell to donate \$500. Miller, second the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringnell for Truth In Taxation meeting to be held on December 6th at 6 p.m. and Public Hearing for the Liquor Store at 5 p.m. on the same night. Second by Olson. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Jessica Omgig to be a signatory on bank accounts. Second by Larson. Motion is carried.

Administrators report:

- City is under winter time advisory concerning parking.
- Discussion on fall leaf pick up. Still some piles around town. Hughes to talk to City Personal about finishing leaf pick up this week.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Jessica Omgig, Deputy Clerk