

Minutes of Council Meeting
August 1, 2022

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with members present: Robert Roesler, Mark Larson, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell, Carlee Miller.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the agenda with the addition of the following: Alterations of park benches, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 council meeting with one correction, replacing the word "fixtures" to read "toilets" with regard to repairs needed at the south park restrooms, second by Larson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Dorothy Behne appeared before the council to inquire about the publication of minutes; additional Town Houses; delinquent utility bills and the utility policy; progress of hiring a City Administrator. Mrs. Behne was informed that the hiring process will move forward once the 2021 audit is complete and council knows where the city stands fiscally, and that the EDA is exploring options for affordable rental housing.

Carlee Miller inquired about the discrepancy between wages received for cleaning city properties versus the agreement with the city administrator under which she was hired. An adjustment will be made.

Following discussion regarding emotional support dogs and service dogs, motion by Roesler to refer the matter to the City Attorney for a clear opinion on the current city ordinance, second by Ringnell carried.

At this time, sealed bids for a carport and shed on North Prairie Street were opened and reviewed. Motion by Ringnell to approve the carport bid in the amount of \$875.00 and the shed bid in the amount of \$100.00, second by Laron, carried.

Motion by Olson to approve Irene Schlaphoff to continue as assistant to the Deputy Clerk until such time as the transition is completed, second by Ringnell, carried.

Discussion was held regarding modifications that could be made to the park benches to make them safer for children; it was suggested as a potential Boy Scout project.

In other business:

- Officer Gina Jorgenson reported that four application have been received for the police chief position; Police Commission will meet on August 8th to review.
- Questions regarding liquor store employee hours will be referred to the personnel committee.
- Alleys will be graveled and groomed for public use.
- Construction meeting for the Wastewater Treatment project will be held on Thursday, August 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Ringnell. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Leslie Hefele

Deputy Clerk

