

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2023

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. Council members present: Sarah Kramer, Brad Ringnell, Kurt Olson, and Matt Larson. Also present was Leslie Hefele, City Administrator and Andrea Ballard, Deputy Clerk.

No open public comments.

Motion to approve agenda by Ringnell. Second by Olson. Carried.

Motion to approve minutes by Olson. Second by Larson. Carried.

Consent agenda was sent to council members email to note any questions comments, none.

Regular Agenda:

-Tax Abatement – copies from Martin County and Blue Earth were received. Discussion was held regarding terms and some of the language in the policies. Administration will look into a resolution.

-A request by a citizen to vacate a street on the end of E. 1st St was made. Administration will look into whether there is an easement. Motion to table until it is known if there is an easement. Second by Olson.

Administrator Report:

-Leslie Hefele, City Administrator informed council that the Emerald Ash Borer information has been mailed out and that she is looking into different insurance options for City employees.

-Trevor Yochim, SWPD Police Chief provided a police report to council. He then stated that information regarding vandalism, including interview and confession, has been sent to the County Attorney.

-Paul Schoen, Public Works, informed council about the recent WTP inspection and that 13 stop signs around town were updated.

-Kurt Olson – trash can by bench at the burn pit needs to be emptied.

-Matt Larson – unhappy with the mess by MCW due to the toilet paper that had traveled across I-90.

-Bob Roesler – informed council that the first tree grant will be submitted with hopes of \$274,552.55 in estimated grant proceeds. The second grant will be submitted in October.

Motion to go into closed session at 5:45 by Ringnell. Second by Larson.

Motion to come out of closed session at 6:10 by Ringnell. Second by Larson.

Council set the Truth and Taxation hearing for December 4th at 6pm.

Motion to accept 15% for the initial levy by Ringnell. Second by Larson. Carried.

Motion by Ringnell to adjourn. Second by Olson. Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Andrea Ballard
Deputy Clerk