

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 12.4.23

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

Open Public Comments:

- Mary Studer from the C&C spoke about how unhappy she was with the City in regards to the turn out of the vendor show over the past weekend. There was no heat as the furnace was not working and the lift was inoperable. She got numerous complaints in regard to the “freezing temperature” and the vendors not being able to utilize the lifts. Mary mentioned that she felt disappointed and embarrassed.

Motion to add Derek Behrens from Bolton & Menk to update on LRIP by Ringnell, second by Larson.

Meeting Minutes - Motion by Ringnell to approve. Second by Olson. Carried.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Ringnell to approve. Second by Kramer.

Regular Agenda

1. Liquor & Cigarette Licenses for Kum and Go, Caseys, Dollar General, and Cup & Saucer. No issues to report by Chief Trevor Yochim, SWPD. Motion to renew by Olson. Second by Ringnell. Carried.
2. Derek Behrens with Bolton and Menk. Application for LRIP funds due by December 8th, there is no charge to submit the application. Behrens discussed that no numbers had been updated and explained that LRIP covers street and storm costs. Motion by Ringnell to accept Resolution 2023-17. Second by Olson. 5-0 vote. Approved. Discussion included to get estimates for curb and gutter from Bolton and Menk as well as to request letters for support from the EDA and SFD. Behrens also talked about hoping that Holtmeyer would have things wrapped up and contracts closed by the end of 2023.

Police Chief Report:

- December 9th – SWPD will be assisting with Santa Days in Welcome.
- December 14th – Shop with a Cop event, looking at 12 children. Pizza donated by Welcome PD family and gift wrapping will occur at Temperance Lake Ridge.
- Vehicles were towed due to ordinance violations.
- Question by public on if there is an ordinance for the number of vehicles or where they are parked on a person’s property. Chief Yochim explained that the city does not have an ordinance against the amount of vehicles, however they do need to be operable and have current tabs/insurance.

Administrator Update:

- Waiting on quote for furnace at Community Hall/Theater to come in.
- Friday after Thanksgiving there was a water main break that was fixed with no issues to date.
- Northland Securities update on the different accounts as follows: 600 – cash, 100 – bonds with small amount of cash, 301 – cash. Discussion: auditors suggested waiting until November financials come back. Suggested that \$250,000 transfer comes from the 4M fund. Council agreed to what the auditors think.

Report from Mayor and Council Members:

- Ringnell: wanted to know if the leaf vac has been cleaned and put away for the year. Heffele stated that it has been cleaned but has not yet been put away due to electrical components. Ringnell also wanted to know what is currently in the water plant open space.
- Kramer – has a new manager been hired? Administration informed her that interviews were scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th.
- Roesler – attended a tour at the school, thinks it would be a good idea to contact the school on effects of the RO on piping systems. Also wanted to announce to council that a work session to go over the 2024 budget will need to be held before the December 18th meeting. Schedule for Tuesday or Thursday of next week, depending on council's availability.

Motion to adjourn by Larson. Second by Kramer. Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Andrea Ballard
Deputy Clerk