

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 1.16.2024

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 (by phone). Also present: Leslie Heffele, City Administrator and Andrea Ballard, Deputy Clerk.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ringnell. Second by Olson. Carried.

Approval of 1.2.2024 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Olson. Second by Larson. Carried.

Regular Agenda:

1. Gambling Permit – Ducks Unlimited Banquet. Motion by Larson to approve permit, second by Olson. Approved.
2. Gambling Permit – Fox Lake Conservation Club. Motion by Olson to approve permit, second by Larson. Approved.
3. 2024 Designations – Legal Paper: Martin County Star. Insurance: Ringnell Insurance. Depository: Bank Midwest. Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Larson. Ringnell, abstained from vote.
4. Water Rates: Motion by Ringnell to approve the \$14.47/1000 gallons rate. Second by Olson. Carried with 5-0 vote.

Police Chief Report:

- Trevor Yochim, Sherburn Welcome Police Chief reported that he is taking a community policing approach with the winter weather/winter parking enforcement. Police Report was provided to council. Yochim stated that there is an increase in calls for service this month, most of those can be attributed to house watches.

Administrator Update:

- Leslie Heffele, City Administrator, reported there was a water main break on Main Street. Heffele asked the council to consider replacing the line before the state comes in to work on the HWY 4 project. Main Street repairs would need to be done from Old 16 to 2nd St. Discussion included how to finance this project, who to contact, and that it is something the council needs to think about. Motion to direct administration to get price on replacing the two blocks on Main St to be completed before the HWY 4 project by Ringnell. Second by Olson. 5-0 vote. Carried.
- Bonding pricing for the fire truck was obtained. 5-5.25% interest on a 15 year bond plus a bonding rate of \$13,925.
- Credit Card Fees – administration thought is to go to cash only. Olson and Kramer wanted the administration to look into other options instead of only cash. Suggestion was made to check into other companies.

Council / Mayor Report:

- Kramer: On Saturday during the water main break, Kramer noted there was a strong odor of Chlorine outside. Concern about the junk in the back yard of a property on S. Lake St. Chief Yochim stated he would look into it.

Motion by Roesler to recess to go into closed session for personnel. Second by Ringnell at 5:35 p.m. Closed session ended at 6:46 p.m. Motion by Ringnell to adjourn at 6:46. Second by Olson. Adjourned.

Andrea Ballard
Deputy Clerk