

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes February 21, 2023

After pledge and invocation, Mayor Ernst called the Meeting to order.

Amy Hurst	Present	Joyce Carson	Present
Sabrina Hazen	Present	Tim Morrison	Present
Darryl Ammerman	Present	Luke Price	Absent

Present: Attorney Brandon Voelker

GUESTS

Mayor Ernst opened the meeting by introducing Steve Hill, the new Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Hill wanted the opportunity to address council members to let them know he is trying to sort through all the files left by his predecessors. There are many cases he is trying to close and others he is trying to get current status on to either move forward or close. He was asking for their patience as he processes the information, and within a couple months, he hoped to have cleaned up the files and can get a better handle on moving forward. He appreciated their patience and will be glad to email them and likewise, they to him with any complaints they may receive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 17, 2023 and Minutes of Special and Caucus Meeting February 7, 2023.

MOTION: Darryl Ammerman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted with a correction to a misspelled name; second by Joyce Carson. All aye; motion carried 5-0-0.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/MUNICIPAL ORDERS

ORDINANCE 2023:1 Attorney Voelker gave a first reading of an ordinance adopting the annual codification supplement 2023 S-33.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Ernst brought up the issue of water rates for the two water districts. The rates they pay have not increased and are the same as they were since 1988. He was planning to request a meeting of both to discuss the chance of their agreeing to an amount without going to the PSC. It was just a preliminary

meeting for discussion only. Chances are a rate study will be required and if so, he would recommend the city getting the process started to do so. He would bring more details after he meets with them.

Mayor Ernst also reported he wanted to revisit the Fire Department Agreement with the county. He felt the City was still responding to more runs in the county and not being properly compensated for such. He would like a committee formed to review said contract and revisit the next step. It was mentioned that Luke Price should be on committee as he had been involved from the beginning. He welcomed anyone else that wishes to participate.

OTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Mayor Ernst referred to the agenda for a list of announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Tim Morrison made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sabrina Hazen. All aye; Motion carried 5-0-0.



Sebastian Ernst, Mayor



Attest: City Clerk