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City of Falmouth September 5, 2023

City Council Special Meeting

Minutes

City Council Convened at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Sebastian Ernst, Presiding.

Present were Councilmembers: Darryl Ammerman, Joyce Carson, Sabrina Hazen, Amy Hurst, Bob Pettit, and Luke Price.

Also in attendance were City Attorney Brandon Voelker and City Clerk Susan L. Bishop.

With time restrictions and not being physically present, Tyson Hermes with Hermes Construction Company was introduced, via FaceTime call. Mr. Hermes is the project manager for the renovation of the Falmouth School Center. He explained each bid breakdown including the materials being used and warranty included and gave his professional opinion of which bid to accept.

Mayor Ernst then called the special meeting to order.

Motion based on recommendation of professional Tyson Hermes to accept the bid of \$125,460.00 plus an additional \$20,000.00 for the removal and capping of the chimney from American Home Tech for a total of \$145,460.00 was made by Councilmember Luke Price, second by Councilmember Sabrina Hazen. Roll call vote: Councilmember Darryl Ammerman – no, Councilmember Joyce Carson – no, Councilmember Sabrina Hazen – yes, Councilmember Amy Hurst – no, Councilmember Bob Pettit – no, Councilmember Luke Price – yes. Motion failed.

Motion to direct Hermes Construction to do direct due diligence regarding the cost and the experience and abilities of the company (American Home Tech) to complete the project, was made by Councilmember Darryl Ammerman, second by Councilmember Luke Price. All aye. Motion passed. Hermes Construction is to report back to council on American Home Tech before the next council meeting on September 19.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by Councilmember Amy Hurst, second by Councilmember Darryl Ammerman. All aye. Motion passed. Special Meeting was adjourned. Caucus Meeting Convened.

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Caucus Meeting

Mayor Ernst began by informing councilmembers of recent updates:

- Maintenance Supervisor Gary Lea has started taking down the lights on the US 27 bridge. The state engineers have sent the design to install the new lights.
- Police Chief Marty Hart reported Ken Hall will start with the Police Department toward the end of September.
- Water/Wastewater Supervisor Keene Dougherty reported that a couple pumps had gone down.
- City Clerk Susan Bishop reported that auditor Paul Maddox had been in City Hall the week before. Mr. Maddox said that everything looked good and made some recommendations due to reduced staff, these changes have already been implemented and things are running efficiently and smoothly. A full audit report will be given in October. Also, tax rates will be set at the September 19th meeting.
- A survey of the Klee Property is underway.
- The water study will be reported on at the next meeting.
- Bids will be sought for fire hydrants.
- City streets and sidewalks will be ranked in order of needing the most repair.
- Attorneys Brandon Voelker and Tim Theissen are still working on Planning and Zoning issues.
- Code Enforcement Officer Steve Groh requested an ordinance regarding shipping containers. He also spoke on yard sales and permits.

Sebastian Ernst, Mayor

Attest: City Clerk