

**Minutes**  
July 19, 2022  
General Meeting

**1) The meeting was called to order** by Bob Dablow at 7:00PM.

**a)** Council Members present were Bob Dablow, Tom Berglind, Adam Jenstead, Toran Thornton and Drew Schwan.

**b)** Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Doug Smith, Tyrel Clark, Celeste Koppe, Deb White, Kristi Gillingsrud and Cheryl Bray.

**2) The Pledge of Allegiance** was said.

**3) Previous Minutes**

**a)** General Meeting – June 21, 2022

**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to approve the general meeting minutes for June 21, 2022. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

**b)** Special Meeting – June 28, 2022

**A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to approve the special meeting minutes for June 28, 2022. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

**4) City Attorney** – Zenas Baer – Not present to report.

**5) City Engineer** – Tyrel Clark – Tyrel has the preliminary plans for the water tower for the council to look over. Final water tower plans will be submitted to the state when completed. We anticipate bidding the water tower project in October if plans have been approved by the state. The state is OK with the overflow after the berms have been added, the rip rap was also added today.

**6) Amendments to Agenda** – 9) a) will be moved up after citizens concerns.

**7) Citizens Concerns** – Residents have concerns about the road around the park cracking and the replacement patches get pushed into residents yards. Will there be any work done to that area? Drew will look into what we can do for now.

**9) a) West Central Initiative** – Celeste Koppe from West Central Initiative came in to go over programs they work on with the council.

**8) Old Business**

**a) Water Plant Bond** – The bond money was put into an investment account last Thursday. We have spent over \$220,000 out of the water fund on the water plant project thus far and after paying tonight's bills we will be at \$5,000 in the water fund. We need to transfer money from the investment account to repay the water fund for money spent on the project that we bonded to pay for. We will leave some of the money owed to the water fund in the investment account, but will transfer \$100,000 from the investment account to the water fund for partial reimbursement at this time.

**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to reimburse the water fund \$100,000 from the investment account. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

**b) Bulk Water Rate** – We have been charging \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons of bulk water for many years. While attending the water conference in March, Bob and Norm found that we

are low compared to other cities and due to higher costs for treating the water would like to raise the bulk water rate to \$20.00 per 1,000 gallons.

**A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to raise the bulk water rate to \$20.00 per 1,000 gallons beginning January 1, 2023. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

**c) Harvest Days** – The Poehls family will be Grand Marshall's for this year. Harvest Days would like approval for road closures, use of the community center, candy for the parade and the city to pay \$1,000 towards the blow up games.

**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to approve the Harvest Days requests. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Schwan and the motion carried. Adam Jenstead abstained.

## **9) New Business**

**a) West Central Initiative** – Discussed earlier.

**10) Maintenance Department** – Doug has been doing some mowing and other general duties.

**11) Water/Sewer Department** – Norm Nyland – Not present to report – 1,537,744 gallons of water were pumped last month from the plant and 2.2 million gallons were pumped to the lagoons. The pumps still need to be replaced in the lift station which should be completed by next month. Bob and Norm are meeting with the MPCA Thursday to go over the sewer side. Doug has done a great job cleaning up ponds and the lift station building. Bob will have Norm set up a meeting with the person interested in taking over the water/sewer and would like 2 council members to meet with them as well. The expectation is that whomever we hire will be in town around 20 hours per week.

**12) Treasurers Report** – Looked over.

## **13) Receipts, Disbursements & Claims** –

**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to approve the claims. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

## **14) Commissioner Reports**

**a) Health** – Adam Jenstead – Doug has been spraying often and we have not noticed mosquitoes.

**b) Weeds** – Bob Dablow – Dave's spray service will be out to spray ponds.

**c) Emergency Management Director** – Randy Schmidt – Not present to report.

**d) Fire & Rescue** – Tom Berglind – The new rescue truck has been fully approved and the flag retirement event was well attended.

**e) Parks** – Adam Jenstead – The benches will be delivered tomorrow, signs for the ball fields will be installed soon and the concrete guy should be out soon to pour the pads for the benches.

**f) Recycling** – Toran Thornton – Recycling is going fine.

**g) Streets** – Drew Schwan – Drew will take photos of needed street repairs and contact the street sweeper to have them done before Harvest days.

**h) Zoning** – Tom Berglind – Nothing to report.

## **15) Adjournment**

**A MOTION** was made by Adam Jenstead to adjourn. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 8-16-22