

**Minutes**  
June 20, 2023  
General Meeting

- 1) **The meeting was called to order** by Mayor Bob Dablow at 7:00PM.
  - a) Council Members present were Mayor Bob Dablow, Tom Berglind, Toran Thornton, Adam Jenstead, and Drew Schwan.
  - b) Others present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Doug Smith and Jake Vigness.
- 2) **The Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- 3) **Previous Minutes**
  - a) General Meeting – May 16, 2023  
**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to approve the general meeting minutes for May 16, 2023. 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** – Moore Engineering – Not present to report.
- 6) **Amendments to Agenda** – None.
- 7) **Citizens' Concerns** – None.
- 8) **Water/Sewer Department** – Dave Dickey – Not present to report – Lead & Copper samples are due the end of June and have not been collected yet, 10 homes need to be sampled. Each council member will deliver 2 sample bottles to be collected at homes in town and pick them back up, so they can be delivered on Monday to RMB Labs. There is a valve issue on the water tower that caused it to refill after it had been drained. Bob and Tom met with Randall's Excavating earlier and the issue will be fixed tomorrow. Painting inside the plant will not be done until September due to condensation this time of year. The old platforms on the tower are not OSHA approved, it looks like that part of the update to the tower was missed by Moore Engineering when drawing up the plans for the rehab project. Jim from Moore Engineering is looking into replacement costs for the platforms. We have been able to eliminate 2 chemicals, Aquahawk and Clearitas since switching over to the new filter system and all water tests have had very good readings. Bob gave the report this month for water/sewer, but in the future the council expects that it be done by Pathogen Defense as part of their service agreement with the city. Jake Vigness was in attendance and did report on the hydrants being flushed, all were flushed earlier this month and ran clean very quickly after opening.
- 9) **Maintenance Department** – Doug Smith – Doug has continued to patch potholes and trim weeds along with other general maintenance duties. The hot water heater in the

city garage needs to be replaced. The Ford truck cannot be fixed by Luther Ford due to parts being no longer available. Doug will work on replacing street signs this week. Fitzgeralds will be contacted for work around the park pond. Adam will be contacting Dave Coalwell about the control box on the hood fan in the kitchen that isn't working properly.

## **10) Old Business**

### **11) New Business**

- a) **Bats** – We were contacted through Facebook about bats in a home. The homeowner has requested that the city install bat houses on city property to try to keep them from getting into homes. Setting up bat houses on city property does not guarantee the bats will not try to enter homes instead and as the city is not in the pest control business, we will not be putting up any bat houses on city property.
- b) **Street Repairs** – Drew has gotten another proposal for needed street repairs which is a lower cost than the previous estimate. We currently have \$28,000 in wheelage funds and \$20,000 budgeted for street repairs. The total cost for proposed repairs is \$112,320, but \$33,540 of that is a county road. The total city cost is \$78,780 if all areas are repaired. After much discussion council feels all proposed areas need to be repaired at this time, we will also contact the county about the county road to see if they will repair that area.

**A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to approve the proposed city road repairs by Tri-State Paving for \$78,780. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

### **12) Receipts, Disbursements and Claims**

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

### **13) Treasures Report** – Looked over.

### **14) Commissioner Reports**

- a) **Health** – Adam Jenstead – Not much happening with mosquitoes yet.
- b) **Weeds** – Bob Dablow – Dave's Spray Service will be out soon to spray at the ponds.
- c) **Emergency Management Director** – Randy Schmidt – Not present to report.
- d) **Fire & Rescue** – Tom Berglind – The new truck should be here in a few weeks.
- e) **Parks** – Adam Jenstead – T-ball benches need to be assembled and set up, but they may be put off until the season ends. The Dickelman tournament will be September 9<sup>th</sup>. We need to look into covering the rafters in the park shelter to keep birds out. A proclamation for Amateur Radio Days June 20<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> was presented to the council.

- A MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to declare Amateur Radio Week June 20 to 25, 2023. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.
- f) Recycling** – Toran Thornton – Nothing to report.
  - g) Streets** – Drew Schwan – Pro Sweep will be out August 14<sup>th</sup> to clean the city streets before Harvest Days.
  - h) Zoning** – Tom Berglind – Nothing to report.

**15) Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 7-18-23