

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Gwen Katula. Roll call: Jim Kafer, Neil Isakson, Barb Schmidtknecht, present, Cheryl Braatz present via phone. David Kellam, absent.

Public Comment: Travis & Chris Williamson requested to have their recycling fee waived; this item will go on the March agenda for consideration.

Motion Cheryl, second Barb to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a. Street lighting request on Meadow Ln was discussed and a formal request will be submitted to assess costs; council will review once more information is received.
- b. More thought and discussion is needed for consideration of employee cell phone compensation; this item will be put on the March agenda. Points of discussion: compensation is not payroll taxable, if a cell phone is a requirement of the job then who should pay for it?, if the cell phone is the employees personal cell phone that they pay for then are they required to answer or respond?
- c. Motion Neil, second Jim to purchase Cyber Insurance for an annual premium of \$1695 with a \$2500 deductible for \$500K. Motion carried.
- d. Motion Neil, second Barb to approve the updated Facility Use Agreement & Policy and user fee schedule as presented with the addition of a 3-hour minimum in the auditorium and a \$10 per hour fee for the community room. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. Motion Cheryl, second Barb to approve the Class B Picnic license for the Fountain City Business & Community Group who is hosting the 2nd Annual Winter Festival on Saturday, March 5th from 11 AM to 8 PM in and outside of the Fountain City Auditorium.
- b. Motion Barb, second Jim to approve the street closure from 38 N Main St to 42 N Main St for the 2nd Annual Winter Festival (date & time stated above). Motion carried.
- c. Motion Barb, second Jim to amend the agenda to include representative Jonathon Hart from BNSF Railroad to present box culvert replacement at the very west end of North Street & the railroad tracks. Motion carried. Consent by the board was given to proceed with discussions regarding the culvert replacement at the above-mentioned location; this item to be placed on the March agenda.
- d. Motion Barb, second Jim to approve the Operator License & Agent status for Lorie Rolbiecki at the Kwik Trip. Motion carried.
- e. Motion Barb, second Cheryl to accept the Workhorse software proposal for accounting at \$8500, payroll at \$6500, utility billing at \$7500 and the accounting conversion up to \$1800. Motion carried.
- f. Our weather warning siren is located at the old fire station hall on Hill St; it is controlled at the county level, not by local officials and it is in proper working condition. New sirens are very expensive, but if a siren was added, the new fire station would split the cost with the city and it

would be placed at the new fire station location on S Main Street. Mayor Gwen will continue to investigate options.

- g. Council discussed the possibility of regulating dumpsters as at times it is difficult to for public works to clear the streets of snow; this item will be placed on the March agenda for further discussion.

Motion Jim, second Neil to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.