

Regular Meeting Minutes of the Fountain City Common Council

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Gwen Katula. Roll call: Barb Schmidtknecht, Christine Williamson, David Endres, Cheryl Braatz and Ryan Ligman - all present.

Motion Barb, second Cheryl to approve the minutes from the Common Council meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Ryan to approve the purchase of the Cemetery Information Management System (CIMS) Platinum software plan, total cost \$8200 with an annual fee of \$1400 for hosting and support. \$5000 to be paid out of the 2023 budget and the remainder paid out of the 2024 budget. Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Barb to approve Henderson Lawn & Landscape to remove the dead tree at the boat landing and at the cemetery for \$4400. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Chris to approve Preliminary Resolution 07-2023 Bishop Street vacation from Fountain St to Hill St. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Chris to approve Preliminary Resolution 08-2023 vacating Dulton Street from Hwy 35 to Washington St. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Barb to approve grant writing assistance up to \$1500 if needed. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Cheryl to pursue a variance at 112 S Main St, parcel# 226-00378-000 with the city attorney. Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Cheryl to approve Resolution 09-2023 in support of telecommuting opportunities and telecommuter forward certification. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Cheryl to approve Ordinance #69 Broadband forward community. Motion carried.

Motion Barb, second Chris to enter into a public/private partnership agreement with CCT (Cochrane Co-op Telephone) for the purpose of a broadband expansion grant application in the amount of \$50,000 for the project. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second David to accept the bid from Henderson Lawn & Landscaping for the Cemetery mowing at the annual cost of \$19,980 for 3 years (2024-2027). Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Barb to set the Class C Wine License Fee to \$100. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Chris to grant a Class B Beer & Class C Wine License Application for JP's Kitchen & Pub. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second Barb to proceed with the PSC (Public Service Commission) Simplified Rate Increase application at the rate of 8%. Motion carried.

Motion Cheryl, second David to increase the Election Inspector payrate to \$15/hour. Motion carried.

Motion Chris, second Ryan to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Ryan, second Barb to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM. Motion carried.

/s/ Mayor Gwen Katula

/s/ Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Drysdale