**October 3,2022**

The Independence City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:15pm in the Council Room of the City Hall.

Mayor Baecker presided. Roll call was taken as follows Cleo Skroch, Connie Marsolek, Rich Theisen, Deb Marsolek, Riley Foltz, And Jason Ekern. Also Present was Attorney Michalak, City Clerk Lenice Pronschinske, Deputy Clerk Julie Dascher, Julie Dick from the Trempealeau County Times, Tom Olson, Gary Boland, Ed Maliszewski, Steve Wozney, Randy Conrad, Virg Gamroth, Scott Gamroth, Mike Warner, Chad Miemietz, Brian Maliszewski, Bill Maliszewski, Mike Marsolek, Doreen Olson and Bruce Speltz.

**Public Notice was given.**

**Approval of Agenda** Motion by Skroch and seconded by Ekern to approve agenda. Motion carried.

**Minutes** Motion by Foltz and seconded by D. Marsolek to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 City Council Meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

* Mike Warner requested a meeting with the Street Committee about the block 1 alley. Meeting scheduled for October 12, 2022.
* Virg Gamroth asked if the public could ask questions during the Nature Energy discussion and the answer is “yes.”

**Old Business:**

**Lake Dredge Update** – Nothing this month

**Parsons Energy Group Update** – Nothing this month

**New Business:**

**Legion Post 186** – No one was here for meeting.

**Fire Station/ Maintenance**. Steve Wozney from the fire Department sent a request asking for the city to replace the concrete in front of the Fire Station. A suggestion was made to call Randal Lindberg plumbing to use a scope to look under the concrete.

**Nature Energy Denmark Trip Update.** Jason said there was very little odor, great ventilation and very clean. Rich stated there was negative pressure in the building. Shell Tanks are as big as manure tanks, but all are under ground. There was some odor during maintenance. Jason said they toured every room. The trucks are washed every time. Drying is in a separate building.

**Discussion/ Recommendation / Action on pricing of garbage cans.** Recommendations have been made to the committee by the City Council and the committee is setting up a meeting with Dave from Tri City Sanitation.

**Delinquent Charge Resolution**.

Motion by Theisen and seconded by Ekern to approve delinquent charges resolution. Motion carried with Cleo Skroch, Connie Marsolek, Rich Theisen, Deb Marsolek, Riley Foltz and Jason Ekern voting aye.

**American Rescue Plan Funding / Projects**

None this month

**Employee Health Insurance**

On September 22, 2022 the committee met with Jerry DenBoer to go over the options for the new Health Insurance plans. The committee decided the best option was to go with First Health Plan. This will decrease the cost by 15% from the old plan. Jerry suggested a start date of Nov. 1, 2022. Motion by Cleo Skroch and seconded by Riley Foltz to switch insurance carriers and use a start date of November 1st as recommended by the committee. Motion carried with Connie Marsolek, Rich Theisen, Deb Marsolek, Riley Foltz, Jason Ekern and Cleo Skroch voting aye.

**Computer Back-up for the City Computers**

Krista Computers recommended a daily back-up (Cloud) since our current back-up is not working properly. The cost for setting it up would be $1,671.00 along with an annual fee of $700.00. Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Rich Theisen to move forward with the new back-up. Motion carried with Deb Marsolek, Riley Foltz, Cleo Skroch and Connie Marsolek voting aye.

**City Hall Furnace/Air Conditioning**

The wrong part for the city hall furnace repair came in so they are waiting for the right part to install. It was suggested that Eli check with SSPP to see who did their furnaces so we could maybe get a bid from them

**License & Permits**

**Picnic License**: The following Class B liquor license application was presented to the council for approval.

**S.S. Peter & Paul Parish Poultry Fest on November 13, 2022.**

 Motion by Cleo Skroch and seconded by Connie Marsolek to approve the above application and grant the license. Motion carried.

**Building Permit**: The following building permit application was presented to the council for approval.

**Linda Peterson -** To cover concrete steps in front of the house

with a composite deck/ steps and railing at 23483 Whitehall Rd.

 Motion by Cleo Skroch and seconded by Riley Foltz to approve the above application and grant the permit. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

* Ambulance cost stayed the about the same as last year. The city share will be approximately %35,000.00.
* Library will be closed on Friday October 7, 2022 for the carpets to be cleaning. Kalya asked if the city would offer a stipend if she opted out of tsking health insurance.
* Fire District meeting. Budget went up by $3,575.00 Budget passed. They would also like the concrete replaced in front of the building.
* Law Enforcement & Personnel needs to set up a committee meeting in the near future.

**Correspondence**

* Council received a Thank You card from Max Baertlein’s Family.
* Council decided not to keep Zoom.

**Closed Session**

We did not go into closed session.

**Approval of Invoices & Payroll** Motion by Riley Foltz seconded by Rich Theisen to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with Deb Marsolek, Riley Foltz, Jason Ekern, Cleo Skroch, Connie Marsolek and Connie Marsolek voting aye.

**Future Meetings**

Finance/budget meeting October 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

City Council meeting November 7, 2022 at 6:15 pm.

**Items for next Agenda**

Lake District

Parsons

Nature Energy Update

Furnace & Air Conditioning

 Properties & Aesthetics

 Legion Post 186

 Block 1 Alley

 2023 Budget Review and Discussion

**Adjournment** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Julie Dascher Deputy City Clerk