

January 3, 2022

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

Mayor Robert Baecker presided. Roll call was taken as follows Brad Rebarckek, Riley Foltz, Jason Ekern, Cleo Skroch, Connie Marsolek and Rich Theisen were present. Also present were Mike Blaha, Elk Rod & Gun Club and Debbie Foss from the Trempealeau County Times.

Public Notice was given.

Motion by Rebarckek and seconded by Foltz to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2021 meetings as presented. Motion Carried.

Public Comments

Mike Blaha asked the Council for permission to close 2nd Street from Adams Street to the lake and use the old fire station for the ice fishing contest. The council is ok with the request as long as they contact all the neighboring property owners.

Old Business:

Lake Dredge Update

A meeting has been set for Wednesday, January 12th at 5:00 with the Mayor, Rich Theisen and Brad Rebarckek.

Parsons Energy Group Update

No Update. Attorney Michalak will have an update for the February meeting.

City Hall Alarm System

This is tabled until next meeting.

Pest Control City Hall/Library

Nothing for this meeting

New Business:

City Hall Landscape

The City Council is in agreement that the plan presented by Winona Nursery needs to be cut back. We will be in contact with Dan Filla before the next meeting.

Park Security System

Motion by Skroch and seconded by Foltz to update the security system and 4-Seasprns Park and purchase the system from Northern Investment at a cost of up to \$2500.00. Motion carries with Riley Foltz, Jason Ekern, Cleo Skroch, Connie Marsolek, Rich Theisen and Brad Rebarckek voting aye.

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Block 1 Original Plat Alley and Parking

Nothing for this meeting, but keep on the agenda and check into possibly of using ARPA funds if possible.

Ordinance Updates

The Ordinance met on December 30th and went through the fencing and dog ordinances. Riley Foltz and Brad Rebarck asked Attorney Michalak for some clarification on a few things. We are waiting on the Blazing's for their input on changes they would like to see in the fencing ordinance. This will be put back on next months agenda.

ARPA Committee Discussion

The council decided to use the Finance Committee rather than forming another committee for the ARPA funding.

Schedule Meeting with Tri-City Sanitation

A meeting will be set to meet with Dave Pientok from Tri-City Sanitation to discuss the possibility of going to garbage cans rather than staying with the garbage bags. This will be put back on next month's agenda.

Licenses & Permits

- The following picnic license application was presented for approval:

Elk Rod & Gun Club - Annual Ice Fishing Contest

Motion by Skroch and seconded Foltz to approve the above application and grant the license. Motion carried.

- Bartender License:

The following bartender applications were presented to the council for approval:

Dana Sendelbach – Welcome Bar
Jerry Thompson – Troy's Gas & Grub

Motion by Skroch and seconded by Ekern to approve the above applications and grant the licenses. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

- Law Enforcement/Personnel - Jason – Kari Pedersen has resigned her position as the Deputy Clerk effective December 31st, 2021. The Council would like to thank Kari for all her work and dedication to the city.

Approval of Invoices and Payroll

Motion by Rebarchek and seconded by Marsolek to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with Jason Ekern, Cleo Skroch, Connie Marsolek, Rich Theisen, Brad Rebarchek and Riley Foltz voting aye.

Correspondence

Girl Scout Troop 4442 presented the city with a check in the amount of \$3000.00 that is a donation towards the new playground equipment at 4-seasons park. This was a fundraiser as part of their Bronze Award Project.

The Clerk was asked to call John Berg at Tri-R-Recycling to see if it is possible to put some kind of sign out by the entrance to the recycling center.

Items for Next Agenda

Lake Update
Parsons Energy
City Hall Alarm System
Pest Control
City Hall Landscaping
Block 1 Alley
Tri-City Sanitation

Dates for Future Meeting

Lake Meeting – January 15th @ 5:00
Law Enforcement/Personnel = Thursday, February 3rd @ 6:00
City Council Meeting – Monday, February 7th @ 6:15

Adjournment

Motion by Rebarchek and seconded by Foltz to adjourn. Motion Carried at 7:15 pm.

Lenice Pronschinske
City Clerk