

PROCEEDINGS: BATTLE CREEK CITY COUNCIL • FEB. 14 MINUTES AND CLAIMS

**Feb. 14, 2023
Battle Creek, IA**

The Battle Creek City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Community Hall. Mayor Pierce presided over the meeting. Council members present: Jary Vermeys, Myra Meek, Jeanette Holmes, Jill Wingert, and Kevin Dausel.

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order. Motion by Vermeys, seconded by Wingert to approve the agenda and meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pierce opened the public hearing at 6 p.m. regarding the rezoning request at 708 Chestnut Street.

Matters were discussed relative to a conduit financing for Ida County, Iowa Community Hospital d/b/a Horn Memorial Hospital, pursuant to Chapter 419 of the Iowa Code in an amount not to exceed \$7,700,000. The City Council received an explanation of the conduit issuance process from Bond Counsel, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, including that the conduit process is allowable under State and Federal law to allow the Hospital to borrow money on a tax-exempt basis, resulting in a lower cost of financing for the Hospital. The financing would not constitute a debt of the City, would not count against the City's constitutional debt limit, and would not be a liability of the City. The City is not in any way responsible for the repayment of the loan. After discussion of the process and the amount of an issuer fee for the City, the City Council considered the resolution entitled:

"A Resolution (2023-02) authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Ida County, Iowa Community Hospital d/b/a Horn Memorial Hospital and fixing a date for a hearing on the proposed issuance of Hospital Revenue

Bonds (Horn Memorial Hospital Project)." Council Member Vermeys moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member Dausel ayes; Wingert, Dausel, Holmes, Vermeys; abstain: Meek and motion carried.

Delores Lewis asked the council for approval to close the street and alley while removing 3 trees from her property. Motion by Meek, seconded by Wingert to approve the street/alley closure during the removal of 3 trees from 703 4th Street. Motion carried unanimously. She was directed to contact the City Clerk a week prior to the work being done.

Mayor Pierce closed the Rezoning Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

Donations totaling \$950 were collected from the American Legion Post 364, Battle Creek Library, American Legion Auxiliary, Battle Creek Medical Auxiliary and the Battle Creek Woman's Club towards the purchase 15 tables for the Community Room and purchase a table/chair rack. Motion by Vermeys, seconded by Dausel to use the RAGBRAI funds for the remaining amount needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pierce opened the Max Tax Levy public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Holmes, seconded by Wingert to budget \$2,000, an increase of \$1,000, to Mt. Hope Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pierce closed the Max Tax Levy public hearing at 6:40 p.m. with no input received from the public. Motion by Vermeys, seconded by Meek to approve as published in the form of Resolution 2023-03. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wingert, seconded by Holmes to set the public hearing on the FY24 Budget for March 14, 2023 at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed the rezoning request for 708 Chestnut from residential to commercial. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Holmes, seconded by Vermeys to deny the request to rezone due to the street infrastructure and concerns with the water/sewer usage. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Vermeys suggested the city council work to review the zoning ordinances, as well as other ordinances within the City of Battle Creek.

The clerk reported the status of nuisances.

The council commended Craig and Corey on the snow removal this season.

The fire department has received their new truck and physicals have been completed.

The ambulance submitted their minutes and are looking into quotes to refinish the floor.

Motion by Meek, seconded by Dausel to approve the Library's budget for the same support from the city (\$18,500). Motion carried unanimously.

The council had concerns with the county wide law budget as presented with an increase of \$18,087. They noted it is getting more difficult to fund the rising costs. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Vermeys, seconded by Wingert to approve the request for \$136,710. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vermeys, seconded by Holmes to approve the reports and bills. Motion carried unanimously. Dausel moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Wingert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Diane Lansink, City Clerk
Charles Pierce, Mayor
CLAIMS: 1/12/23 – 2/14/23:
Al's Corner, fuel \$371.60;
Amazon, supplies \$65.06; Boerner

& Goldsmith, legal services \$162.50; Bomgaars, supplies \$48.95; Cash, petty cash \$33.29; Council Bluffs Online, web hosting \$90; Diane Lansink, desk chair/paper \$132.06; EFTPS, taxes \$4,746.01; Feld Fire, supplies \$10,800; Foundation Analytical Lab, testing \$36.25; Frontier, utilities \$875.34; Growmark FS, fuel \$266.94; Ida County Sanitation, service \$5,238.87; Ida County Sheriff's Department, papers served \$163.44; Ida Grove Food Pride, supplies \$23.49; Ida Grove NAPA, supplies \$69.63; Iowa One Call, locates \$58.60; IPERS, pension \$2,662.90; Johnson Propane, repairs \$202.82; Mareta Vermeys, chair/table cart \$204.80; Marx Trailers, supplies \$194.93; MedCompass, physicals \$4,570; Menards, supplies \$160.40; Mid-America Publishing, publications \$105.44; MidAmerican, utilities \$3,183.60; Osco Tank & Truck Sales, tanker \$134,768; Postmaster, postage \$152.58; Selections, supplies \$7.99; WITCC, training \$170; Payroll (1/3/23) \$4,475.26; Payroll (1/17/23) \$4,083.65; Payroll (1/31/23) \$4,478.14.

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DISBURSEMENTS: General \$176,720.89; Ambulance \$9,318.19; Library \$2,262.11; RUT \$6,823.51; T&A \$1,008.46; Emergency \$0; LOST \$0; Sliplining \$0; Water \$9,492.08; Sewer \$8,250.87; Garbage \$5,456.68; Storm Water \$0.
REVENUE: General \$3,399.59; Ambulance \$7,206.64; Library \$4; RUT \$6,932.87; T&A \$233.30; Emergency \$61.16; LOST \$6,873.98; Sliplining \$1,790.89; Capital Equipment Fund \$0; Water \$6,955.75; Sewer \$5,660.68; Garbage \$6,751.08; Storm Water \$1,814.12.