

PROCEEDINGS: BATTLE CREEK CITY COUNCIL • JAN. 10 MINUTES / CLAIMS

JAN. 10, 2023

BATTLE CREEK, IA

The Battle Creek City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 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 Dausel to approve the agenda and meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat Stevens gave a report on the Ambulance Department.

Jeanie Grove was present to ask that the council consider rezoning their property on Chestnut Street from residential to commercial. Motion by Vermeys, seconded by Dausel to set a public hearing for the next meeting - Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Letters will be sent out to property owners within 250' of the Grove property informing them of the request and of the hearing on Feb. 14. The public can voice their thoughts at this time.

Mareta Vermeys expressed her desire to see the tables in the community hall be replaced with lighter plastic 8' tables. Donations are being accepted for the cost of replacing those and can be given to the City Clerk. Motion by Vermeys, seconded by Wingert for the city to purchase replacement tables. Motion carried unanimously. The council will also look into refinishing the floor in the back room this year as well.

Jary Vermeys will arrange for a meeting with those that expressed interest in serving on the Mt. Hope Cemetery Association. Kevin Dausel volunteered to be the city representative.

Sheila Petersen and Jeanie Grove inquired about the proposed utility expense for the library. The council explained that due to rising costs of equipment/expenses that the city recommended that the library begin paying some of the utility costs. It was also noted that the other city entities pay for their own utilities. They agreed to work \$750 into their FY24 Budget.

Motion by Holmes, seconded by Meek to have the city serve as Fiscal Sponsor for the Library and Ambulance applications for the Ida County Betterment Grant. Motion

carried unanimously.

Nuisances were reviewed and are in process.

Craig Young discussed the plan to upgrade the water meters/readers with the ARPA funds and for it to be incorporated into the FY24 budget.

Motion by Wingert, seconded by Vermeys to approve the FY24 Fire Department budget as presented with no change (\$12,657.50 from the city) and their 2023 officers. Motion carried. Dausel abstained.

Motion by Meek, seconded by Dausel to set a hearing for Feb. 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Hall for the purpose of considering maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the city's proposed FY24 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion in the form of Resolution 2023-01 by Wingert, seconded by Meek reflects the Mayor's Appointments as follows: Mayor Pro-tem - Myra Meek and City Treasurer - Diane Lansink; and the Council's Appointments as follows: City Clerk - Diane Lansink; City Attorney - Boerner & Goldsmith; City Newspaper - Ida County Courier; City Depository - SCSB; Library Board - Dee Boger, Terri Wallace, Rhonda Lee, Georgine Krayenhagen, Jeanie Grove, Brad Minor, and Nancy Krueger; Utilities Committee - Myra Meek and Jary Vermeys; Streets and Alleys - Myra Meek and Jary Vermeys; Personnel - Jill Wingert and Jary Vermeys; Garbage & Recycling - Jill Wingert and Kevin Dausel; Parks & Recreation - Jeanette Holmes; Cable TV - Randy Bean and Lonnie Bennigsdorf; E911 Representative - Charles Pierce and alternate - Myra Meek. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vermeys, seconded by Holmes to approve the building permit for 402 Clara Street for a 12' x 26' addition to the garage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wingert, seconded by Meek to approve the FY24 Ambulance Budget as presented. The support from the city remaining unchanged at \$11,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wingert, seconded by Meek to increase the following pay rates effective July 1, 2023: \$1.00/hr. for Craig Young to \$30.38/hr. and Corey Tarr to \$17.00/hr.; \$1.25/hr. for Diane Lansink to \$26.90/hr.

and an increase of \$300 for Craig Young's uniform allowance to \$800/yr. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vermeys, seconded by Wingert to approve the reports and bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Meek moved to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Dausel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Diane Lansink, City Clerk
Charles Pierce, Mayor

CLAIMS: 12/7/22 - 1/10/23:

ACCO, supplies \$514.80; Al's Corner, fuel \$348.51; Boerner & Goldsmith, legal services \$260.05; Bomgaars, supplies \$288.31; Carlyle Tire, repairs/supplies \$1,245.48; EFTPS, taxes \$3,047.67; Foundation Analytical Lab, testing \$33; Frontier, utilities \$865.19; Growmark FS, fuel \$329.65; Ida County Sanitation, service \$5,312.68; Ida County Sheriff's Department, law \$29,655.75; Ida Grove Food Pride, supplies \$26.83; Ida Grove NAPA, supplies \$160.25; Treasurer State of Iowa, water excise tax \$1,819.14; Iowa Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$532.20; Iowa One Call, locates \$56.80; IPERS, pension \$1,790.90; Kevin Dausel, chains \$150; Marx Trailers, supplies \$893.23; Menards, supplies \$87.67; Mid-America Publishing, publications \$67.82; MidAmerican, utilities \$2,936.62; Omnisite, supplies \$152.00; Postmaster, postage \$60.00; Reminisce, subscription \$10.00; Selections, supplies \$125.68; Treasurer State of Iowa, withholding \$1,207.00; UECO, supplies \$199.88; USA Bluebook, supplies \$227.79; Woman's Day, subscription \$21.37; Payroll (12/06/22) \$4,017.64; Payroll (12/20/22) \$5,044.69

DECEMBER:

DISBURSEMENTS: General \$2,495.69; Ambulance \$4,115.14; Library \$1,482.76; RUT \$4,247.88; T&A \$738.24; Emergency \$0; LOST \$0; Sliplining \$0; Water \$8,187.62; Sewer \$5,528.35; Garbage \$5,376.06; Storm Water \$58.10

REVENUE: General \$18,025.82; Ambulance \$9,433.50; Library \$20.61; RUT \$8,207.68; T&A \$1,041.68; Emergency \$273.07; LOST \$17,686.63; Sliplining \$1,468.94; Capital Equipment Fund \$0; Water \$5,641.63; Sewer \$4,609.27; Garbage \$5,670.43; Storm Water \$1,515.03