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**CITY OF MONONA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**

The Monona, Iowa, City Council met in regular session Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Monona City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Grant Langhus presided with John Elledge, Bridget Schlein, Preston Landt, Erin Friedley, and Tim Wright present.

Guests Present: Jared Burkle (PeopleService), Audrey Posten (North Iowa Times), Jo Amsden (Police Chief), Heidi Landt (Library), Jessica, Ambryss & Emberry Henkes, Branden Christoffer-son, Jacob Byrnes, Sawyer Keehner and Alex B ? (Students).

1) Approve Consent Agenda Moved by Landt, seconded by Schlein, to approve consent agenda as submitted. Carried Unanimously.

• Agenda
• Council Minutes ~ March 04, 2024

• Treasurer/Budgetary Reports ~ February 2024

• Library Report ~ February 2024

• Little Bulldog Childcare Report ~ February 2024

• Utility Billing Reconciliation ~ February/March 2024

2) Hearing of Delegations None

3) PeopleService Report PeopleService operator, Jared Burkle, discussed written Operations and Maintenance (O&M) reports for Water and Wastewater Departments for February 2024.

Water O&M

• Pump Failure Alarm at Well #2. Called Northway Well and Pump who found pump motor failure.

• Northway Well and Pump pulled the well, fixed issues and put back together.

• Ran samples and then put back online.

Wastewater O&M

• Pulled the wire for the new EQ basin flow meter.

• Palmer Electric installed a junction box for splicing the wires for the new EQ basic flow meter.

• Automatic Systems came and finished the setup of the flow meter and then started to drain basin.

• After the basin was emptied, took clarifier #2 back offline.

4) Vessco Quote for Maintenance on WWTP Chlorine & Sulfur Diox-

ide System

Jared Burkle presented the council with a quote for \$5,046.89 for new chlorine and sulfur dioxide heads needed at the WWTP. After some conversation about getting this done before July to split the travel expense with Elkader, it was moved by Wright, seconded by Frieley, to approve the quote of \$5,046.89 to Vessco. Carried Unanimously.

5) Police Report

Chief Amsden discussed February 2024 monthly police activity summary. The department responded to 226 calls for service which included forty-five follow ups.

6) Issues with Back Door to Police Department Freezing Shut

Chief Amsden talked to the council about issues this past winter, with the back door freezing and not able to open. After some discussion about maybe some bad seals, it was decided a council member would look at the door and see if they could see the issue and get it resolved.

7) Police Car Striping Quote

A quote of \$755.02 was received from Schultz Sign Co. for striping the new police vehicle. The decals would be very similar to the striping on the other white police vehicle. It was moved by Elledge, seconded by Schlein to approve the quote of \$755.02. Carried Unanimously.

8) PUBLIC HEARING – Street Vacation

The public hearing was opened at 6:13 p.m. to hear any comments regarding the possible vacation of the East 144 feet of that portion of Dull Street that abuts Hill Street on the western Side. The mayor asked if anyone in the audience had any comments regarding the vacation of this portion of West Dull Street. Upon hearing no comments, and receiving no written comments, the mayor declared the hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

9) Resolution 2024-09 Approving Vacation of Portion of Dull Street

The council reviewed Resolution 2024-09 describing the reasons for the vacation of a portion of West Dull Street. After some discussion, it was moved by Wright, seconded by Landt to approve Resolution 2024-09. ROLL CALL: Ayes – Five, Nays – None Resolution

Approved.

10) Bids for Sale of 2002 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper

The city put an ad out to accept bids on a 2002 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper. Bids needed to be received at City Hall by 2:00 p.m. on March 14th, 2024. The city received two bids. One bid was for \$12,500 (Standard Equipment) and the other for \$3,600.00 (Joe Koopmann). It was moved by Wright, seconded by Elledge to accept the high bid of \$12,500 from Standard Equipment. Carried Unanimously.

11) Request for Chickens

The city received a request for six chickens to be kept at 531 E. Iowa Street. It was explained that they could have only six laying hens, no roosters, cannot be free range and must have a place to control the poop. After agreeing to the requests, it was moved by Elledge, seconded by Schlein to approve the request for no more than six chickens and no roosters at 531 E. Iowa Steet. Carried Unanimously.

12) City Dog Park

City Administrator Collins went over a presentation for a city maintained dog park prepared by MORE student, Scott Campbell. The park would be constructed on the empty city lot located south of the swimming pool along Bulldog Blvd. There was much discussion about size, fencing, wind breaks, trees, water/drinking fountain, parking, signage and how to pay. After the discussion, it was moved by Wright, seconded by Elledge to move forward with the project by filling out the pre-application for an Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation grant.

Carried Unanimously. Mayor/Council/Administration Notes:

• City Administrator Collins reminded the council that there would be two meetings on April 1st. The first meeting would be at 6:00 p.m. in the Monona Community Center were the public hearing would be held regarding the 24/25 proposed property tax levy. The second meeting, the regular council meeting, would start at 6:15 p.m. as long as there was at least five minutes between the close of the first meeting and the opening of the second meeting.

Hearing no further comments,

Mayor Langhus declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Next regular council meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Monona Community Center for the soul purpose of holding the public hearing regarding the proposed property tax levy for the 24/24 budget. The Regular Council Meeting will follow the public hearing.

Barbara Collins, City Admin/Clerk

Monthly Revenues for February:

GENERAL TOTAL31,527.88
LIBRARY TOTAL 244.30
ROAD USE TAX TOTAL 15,185.98
TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL
..... 1,262.09
LIBRARY MEMORIAL TOTAL
..... 60.00

DEBT SOURCE CASH TOTAL
..... 611.78

PHASE IV BTRAIL HARDSURFA
TOTA.....500.00

REUSSER IMPROVEMENT
TOTAL..... 2,518.08

WATER TOTAL26,034.03

SEWER TOTAL..... 52,682.24

GARBAGE TOTAL17,005.68

LITTLE BULLDOG - SINKING
TOTAL..... 1,058.00

LITTLE BULLDOG - RESERVE
TOTAL..... 106.00

MONTHLY REVENUES
..... **\$148,796.06**

Monthly Expenditures for February:

GENERAL TOTAL90,900.81

LIBRARY TOTAL 7,939.06

POLICE CAPITAL EQUIP TOTAL .
..... 61,915.26

ROAD USE TAX TOTAL . 9,521.93

TRUST & AGENCY TOTAL
..... 10,612.46

LIBRARY MEMORIAL TOTAL
..... 324.58

MONONA PUBLIC GARD &
TRAIL TOTAL 540.00

PHASE IV BTRAIL HARDSURFA
TOTA.....2,055.00

WATER TOTAL 15,932.93

SEWER TOTAL..... 22,437.51

21/22 SEWER LINING FUND
TOTAL..... 1,039.38

GARBAGE TOTAL 19,435.37

LITTLE BULLDOG - SINKING
TOTAL..... 1,058.00

HEALTH TOTAL..... 6,668.75

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES
..... **\$250,381.04**

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