

The Clear Lake City Council met in special session on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Lisa Lundberg presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Ramona Drake (via telephone), Kelli Bauman, and Rose Mack, Aldermen Harry Mewherter, Jonas Reppe, and Rod Pauli. Also present were Mary Korth, Brandon Collins, Todd Boyd and David Roof. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Reppe to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

No one appeared for public voice.

In unfinished business, the second reading of Ordinance #618 Supplementing Appropriations was held. Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to approve the ordinance. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Mack to approve the appointment of Ramona Drake to the Clear Lake Area Development Board of Trustees. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

David Roof of Deuel Area Development met with the Council asking for use of the Community Center at a reduced rate for a job fair that was held December 9, 2022. He gave a brief summary on how the fair went and improvements that will be made if the event should be held again. Motion by Pauli, seconded by Bauman to approve waiving the fee for the Community Center used on December 9, 2022 for Deuel Area Development with deposit still required. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried. Parking lot maintenance for the former Good Samaritan Center was discussed. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Mack to approve the City maintaining snow removal on the former Good Samaritan Property. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

In other business, motion by Mewherter, seconded by Pauli to approve the following warrants: EXPENSES: A&B Business Solutions 125.11 Copier Contract, Banner Associates, Inc 5759.00 Facility Plans W Drainage Stud, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 983.00 Legal Services, Gale/Cengage Learning 481.90 Library Books, Clear Lake Chamber Of Commerce 1370.00 Chamber Bucks And Dues, Deuel Co Motor Supply 509.15 Supplies, DeBoer Construction 165000.00 Water/Sewer Project Partial, H-D Elec Coop, Inc. 5.67 Excise Tax, John Day Company 449.55 Repairs And Supplies, Val Lundquist 50.09 Mileage Reimbursement, Maynard's Food 53.21 Supplies, Office Peeps 82.55 Supplies, Purchase Power 770.99 Postage For Machine, Pitney Bowes Inc 19.00 Rental Fees, Sd Department Of Health 30.00 Water Testing, Sdarws 500.00 Sewer Cameras, Sensus Usa Inc. 1949.94 Software, Steve Rhody Services 40.00 Window Washing Services, Productivity Plus Account 25.24 Supplies And Fees, Todd's Farm Hydraulics Llc 1644.31 Snow Equip Repairs, Transource Truck & Equip, Inc. 170.83 Repairs. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Services Committee presented their report from their most recent meeting. Parking issues were discussed and a "NO PARKING" sign will be placed near Lewis Drug to avoid parking hazards near their drive through.

Motion by Mack, seconded by Pauli to approve contacting ITC to set up an alert system for the City through ITC Notify at a rate of \$9.99/month for every 250 customers that residents can sign up for. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on utility rates. The sewer rate for 2023 will not increase. The original Ordinance #612 stands for current sewer rates. The water rate will increase slightly. The first reading of Ordinance #619 Amending Ordinance 8-2-23 Water Rates was held.

First reading of Ordinance #620 Amending Ordinance 7-1-5 Parking of Motor Vehicles (C) was held.

City Finance Officer Korth gave a recap of the building permits for 2022. To date, the City has given 58 total permits equaling almost \$2500.00 in permit fees received with an additional \$20,466.00 for the permit granted to Deuel School for their project. The school project value is noted at approximately \$13.7 million and the remaining permit projects totaled nearly \$642,000.

The former Airport land was discussed. A portion of the land is owned by CLAD, the remaining is owned by the City. The City has CRP contracts with the FSA Office. The contracts were discussed as one is expiring in 2023 and the other in 2024. These are being farmed by a local resident. The airport strips are hay land that the City has decided to put to custom farming with CLAD. The City owns a bordering of trees around the CLAD property. To keep compliance with the contract with Soil Conservation, the City is required to replace dead or dying trees. Deuel County Soil Conservation will be contact to order and plant trees in the spring at a cost of \$8.00/tree plus tree cost.

Motion by Bauman, seconded by Mack to approve the auto supplement budget request to General Fund for: *\$602.35 (101-455-411 Library Salaries), \$46.08 (101-455-412 Library FICA), \$3.07 (101-455-413 Library Retirement), \$82.18 (101-455-426.11 Library Supplies) final supplement from ARPA Humanities Grant.* Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Collins commented on snow removal especially in alleys. Alleys are maintained currently with two paths for emergency vehicles to navigate.

Finance Officer Korth reported that the Council received another comment about the utility billing during the water construction project. It will be and is encouraged to present complaints to the City Council in person for discussion in future meetings.

Alderwoman Bauman commented that it is anticipated there should be a free weekend at the Rubble Site in late winter or early spring depending on weather conditions for residents to get rid of their branches and limbs from the recent ice storm.

There were no further comments from the City Attorney, Mayor, or any other Council members.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Mack to enter into Executive Session at 5:34 PM for personnel matters. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Lundberg declared the Council out of Executive session at 6:04 PM.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Mack to hire recommended applicant for full time Library Director/Building Custodian upon acceptance of position at starting pay of \$15.91/hr. to begin January 1, 2023. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bauman, seconded by Pauli to increase Library Assistant pay to \$12.00/hr. upon acceptance of applicant for Library Director. Wage will be included in salary resolution 2023. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Mack, seconded by Reppe to adjourn at 6:06 PM. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mary Korth  
Finance Officer

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