

The Clear Lake City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Lisa Lundberg presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Ramona Drake, Kelli Bauman and Rose Mack (by telephone), Aldermen Harry Mewherter and Jonas Reppe. Alderman Rod Pauli was absent for a portion of the meeting. Also present were Mary Korth, Brandon Collins, Todd Boyd, Cory Borg, Ken Reiste and Lajuana Watt. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Mewherter, seconded Mack to approve the consent agenda as follows: Minutes – Regular Meeting December 12, 2022 & Year End Special Meeting December 28, 2022. Monthly Financial Statements for the Month Ending December 31, 2022; Delinquent Water Bills; Approval of Warrants; Approve Temporary Liquor License Applications: Lundy's: Wedding, Saturday, January 21, 2023; Chili Cook Off, Saturday, February 18, 2023. Temporary One-Day Permits are subject to all paperwork being signed and submitted to the Finance Officer and that the applicants provide the city with proof of liability insurance for the event. Upon roll-call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Warrants Approved: PAYROLL: Council 1470.00; Mayor 450.00; Finance 4166.67; Streets 3590.50; Snow 10388.96; Rubble Site 144.50; Parks 50.75; Library 1830.33; Water 3643.50; Sewer 3729.25; Aflac 131.30; SD Retirement 2970.54; Health Pool of SD 7556.06; Delta Dental of SD 361.30; DNB-FICA/WH 6333.50. EXPENSES: Appera 114.37 Maintenance Fees, Banner Associates, Inc 7630.00 Facility Plans, Bjerke Sanitation 6481.37 Garbage Services, Book Systems, Inc. 1190.00 Library Supplies, Boyd Law Firm, Prof. L.L.C. 1160.45 Legal Fees And Expenses, Brookings-Deuel Rws 7475.60 Tap Fee And Purchase, Gale/Cengage Learning 20.79 Library Books, Certified Laboratories 267.45 Supplies, City Of Clear Lake 802.64 Books And Supplies, Clear Lake Building Center 136.28 Supplies, Clear Lake Courier 1459.78 Publications And Supplies, Clear Lake Area Dev. Inc. 17500.00 Quarterly Funding 2023, Connecting Point 37.00 Offsite Backup, Dakota Pump & Control, Inc. 310.20 Sewer Repairs, Sd Danr 1500.00 Danr Fees, Deuel County Auditor 5901.97 Law Enforcement Contract, Deuel County Farmers Union Oil 5534.83 Supplies Fuel And Repairs, Dcn Insurance 909.50 Ambulance Insurance, Dream Chaser Trucking Llc 1262.35 Road Salt Delivery, First Bank & Trust 55.88 Credit Card Charges, Fritz Chevy-Olds 2182.62 Repairs, Glacial Lakes & Prairies 860.00 Dues And Tourism Guide, H-D Electric Coop, Inc 141.19 Electric Energy, Interlakes Community Action 300.00 Annual Funding, Itc Telecom 739.50 Telephone Utilities, Micromarketing Llc 59.07 Library Books, Northwestern Energy 1608.78 Natural Gas Energy, Nosbush Plumbing & Heating 190.00 Govt Building Furnace Repair, Ottetail Power Co 5419.75 Electric Energy, Sd State Treasurer (Sd Dor) 489.36 Sales Tax Due To State, Sd Unemployment Insurance 71.47 Quarterly Unemployment Ins, Transource Truck & Equip, Inc. 536.79 Snow Repairs, Upframe Creative 375.00 Website Maintenance, Us Bank Trust-Spa Lkbox Cm9695 11716.19 Sewer Srf Loan, United States Dept Of Ag 6107.00 Sewer Usda Loan.

No one appeared for public voice.

The second reading of Ordinance #619 Amending Ordinance 8-2-23 Water Rates was held. Motion by Reppe, seconded by Drake to approve Ordinance #619. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance #620 Amending Traffic Regulations Parking of Motor Vehicles was held. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Reppe to approve Ordinance #620. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Lajuana Watt was present for an update on the residence located at 316 Railroad Avenue concerning the water bill due to a leak. The residence is a trailer owned by her brother and another person. She said her brother has never lived there as intended. She spoke to the landlord of the trailer court who told her the lot renters are responsible for the bill. City Attorney Todd Boyd said a lawsuit would involve all parties concerned. Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Drake to begin proceedings for legal action to recover what is due to the City for utilities at 316 Railroad Avenue. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no appointments at this meeting.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Mack to approve Salary Resolution 2023-1. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The City has been receiving calls from businesses in town that are not finding anyone local to sand or salt their parking lots. It was asked if the City would be interested in sanding/salting business parking lots for a fee. Public Works Superintendent Collins said the issue is the City has a short supply of salt and sand as well as staff. Due to short supply, the City will not be able to maintain any of the parking lots.

Alderman Pauli entered the meeting.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Reppe to declare the following items surplus property deemed of no value: 7 picnic tables, 2 wooden ladders, 2 aluminum ladders, 2 cyberpower battery backups, 2 water meters (74725290 and 63779085). Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Mack to proceed with public bid notice to the paper for water main construction on the 800 block of North Street West, Clear Lake. Bid opening will be at next regular meeting February 6, 2023. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

A parking complaint was submitted to the Council by City Attorney Todd Boyd on behalf of a citizen. Photos of vehicles not moved for snow removal on 4th Street were submitted for review. Sheriff Borg was present for discussion and stated the complaint should be presented to his office. The Sheriff's Office also accepts written complaints from citizens given to him from the Finance Office, or snow removal complaints submitted from the Public Works Superintendent. The first result is to issue warning tickets for violations across the city. This particular parking violation has been ongoing and Boyd argued there has been no solution for years. Apartment tenants need to be made aware of alternate parking during a snow emergency. The alert system the city is implementing will hopefully help this. Furthermore, Superintendent Collins will be more proactive and work with the Sheriff's Office when cars are consistently not being moved during snow removal.

Superintendent Collins reported on the city-owned pickup with a bad transmission and presented quotes to the Council. Motion by Pauli, seconded by Reppe to accept the quote from Automatic Transmission and Gear out of Watertown, SD for the transmission replacement of pickup #67 contingent on warranty offered. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Pauli to accept the 2023 agreement with Dakota Pump & Control for Lift Station Inspection. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Collins also commented the skid steer is usually replaced every year but they are on back order until June. The one currently being used is over on hours. The City crew is limiting usage of the skid steer.

City Attorney Boyd commented on completed contracts, past delinquent water bills and other agreements.

Finance Officer Korth commented on an ongoing water bill dispute during the water construction project from a citizen not able to attend the meeting. The Council stands by their prior decision that the billing during that time was fair and will be re-evaluated when the project resumes in the spring. The citizen is encouraged to meet with the Council on any specifics for discussion.

No comments from the Mayor or Council Members.

No executive session at this meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Pauli, seconded by Mack to adjourn at 7:37 PM. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mary Korth

Finance Officer

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