

Emmetsburg City Council Proceedings
Monday, January 8, 2024
Regular Session
6:00 P.M

The Emmetsburg City Council met in the Poet Room of The Shores on the above date with Mayor Patrick Degen calling the meeting to order and the following council members answering the roll call: Bill Burdick, Jr., Mike Hermansen, Pat Martini, Jr., Corey Gramowski, Brian Malm, and Julie Miller.

AGENDA

Motion carried to adopt the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion carried to adopt the following consent agenda: approve previous minutes of December 15, 2023; approve November 2023 finance reports; approve December 2023 claims of \$246,986.07; approve tax abatement for Richard and JoAnn Higgins for 2704 17th Street; approve Class C retail alcohol license for Don Jose Mexican Restaurant.

NEW BUSINESS

Following the public hearing on amending the current budget, it was introduced, seconded, and carried to approve Resolution 24-01 – a resolution amending the current City budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

It was introduced, seconded, and carried to approve Resolution 24-02 - a resolution authorizing the city finance director to make the appropriate interfund transfers of sums and record the same in the appropriate manner for FY 2024 for the City of Emmetsburg, IA.

Following the public hearing on Grace Baptist Church's request to rezone, it was introduced, seconded, and carried to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 596 – an ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the City Code of Emmetsburg, IA relating to the zoning of said City.

It was introduced, seconded, and carried to approve waiving second and third readings of Ordinance No. 596 – an ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the City Code of Emmetsburg, IA relating to the zoning of said City.

It was introduced, seconded, and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 596 – an ordinance amending Chapter 167 of the City Code of Emmetsburg, IA relating to the zoning of said City.

Motion carried to approve the amended Iowa Great Lakes Drug Task Force Multi-Jurisdictional 28E agreement.

Motion carried to approve advertising and requesting bids to sell a 1963 John Deere 2010.

Motion carried to approve hiring Wesleigh Plantz for Golf Course Superintendent.

Motion carried to approve Tonya Heisler's resignation and authorization to advertise and hire for said position.

It was introduced, seconded, and carried to approve Resolution 24-03, a resolution naming official city depository.

It was introduced, seconded, and carried to approve Resolution 24-04, a resolution of recognition and thanks to PACGDC.

Motion carried to approve Mayor's recommendation of Sarah Brugman to fulfill Marilyn Carlstrom's appointment on the Library Board.

Motion carried to cancel the 6:00 P.M. January 22, 2024 council meeting and reschedule it for 12:00 P.M. on January 29, 2024.

Motion carried to approve change request #1 and pay request #6 for \$39,567.03 to Reding Gravel for Lake Street Project.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Mayor Patrick Degen welcomed council member Julie Miller and thanked her for running for city council.

City Administrator Kim Kibbie updated Council on the transfer of land of Kearney State Park and the golf course along with the splashpad project.

Police Chief Ryan Veldboom thanked Kwik Star as the Emmetsburg Police received a grant to use their car wash for the police vehicles.

Public Properties Director Frank Kliegl shared his plans for the upcoming snow event.

Community Center Director Alissa Kliegl recapped previous events hosted at The Shores and told of upcoming steak/seafood night, trivia night, and bingo night.

Marketing and Retail Coordinator Gretchen Reichter updated everyone on different grant applications, chamber events and personnel, and upcoming projects.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The finance, ordinance, and personnel committee met at 12:00 P.M. on January 4, 2024 in the AGP room at The Shores. To aid in budget preparation, the possibilities of three new positions were discussed.

Motion carried to prioritize the positions in order of a public works director, chamber director, and school resource officer.

This committee was also tasked to prioritize future projects for budgeting purposes.

Motion carried to prioritize future projects in the following order: land beside Lakeside Lutheran engineering, phase two and three of Five Island Campground, and completion of Lake Street Project.

The public properties, health, facilities, and equipment committee met at 5:15 P.M. on January 8, 2024 in the Poet Room at The Shores.

The first topic was Palo Alto County's request of support for the rebuilding of the Transfer Station.

Motion carried to provide \$15,450 towards the building of the new transfer station.

The second topic was centered around possible changes to solid waste ordinance concerning canisters. After a lengthy discussion no action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further discussion to come before the council the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Patrick Degen

ATTEST:

Billie Jo Louwagie, City Clerk