

APPROVED MINUTES

The City Council held Council Meeting #1623 on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Peggy Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was completed, prayer was by Jeff O'Connell, roll call commenced. Present were Mayor Williams, Councilors Gary Beach, Melissa Berke, Zach McNew, Kristin Smith, Hugh Taylor, Brian Zimmerman, Administrator Sam Sikes, Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold, and (via Zoom) City Attorney Dean Chisholm.

Mayor Williams welcomed all present.

Approve City Council special meeting minutes dated January 24, 2023 for LCSO claim #3888, special meeting minutes dated January 31, 2023 for MOA with LCSO, and regular meeting #1622 minutes dated February 6, 2023:

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve City Council special meeting minutes dated January 24, 2023 for LCSO claim #3888, special meeting minutes dated January 31, 2023 for MOA with LCSO, and regular meeting #1622 minutes dated February 6, 2023, and Councilor Beach **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Committee Reports:

Administrator: Administrator Sikes reported the new Fireman's Park playground is on budget, Zero to Five and LOR will be purchasing a small playground unit for young kids and a Brava universal swing. Mr. Sikes presented a draft outline to Council showing the layout of the new pieces to be incorporated into the new playground and wanted to make sure everyone was in agreement with the design. For safety, he will be preparing a proposal for benches that would surround the playground areas for parents to sit close to the children and see if anyone would like to sponsor a bench. Council discussed the playground and total cost, additional funding had been donated, when completed the total cost would be at \$135,000.00 and agreed with the design.

Police: Mayor Williams announced applications for appointment are still open for the Police Commission until February 28th and can be found on the City's website. The third-party investigation report is still not available and probably won't be for a couple of weeks, and another officer will be moving to the County detention position.

Zoning/Planning: Councilor Smith announced a Zoning Commission meeting was held Tuesday, February 28th at 6 pm to continue work on Residential B.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP): Councilor Taylor announced an update was received and 44 deer have been processed: 20 bucks, 24 does, 2 positives for CWD, 21 no-detects, and 23 awaiting results as of February 10th. The property of 12 private landowners were used, and the 21 no-detects were donated to the Food Pantry.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

New Business:

Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Lincoln County for Administrative Services:

Mayor Williams explained this agreement is for assistance getting the incident base reporting caught up by March 15th, train Officer Buckner on the reporting, and get other administrative help when needed.

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve Memorandum of Agreement with Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and Lincoln County for Administrative Services and Councilor Smith **SECONDED**.

Council discussed the reporting workload, why it was behind, and who is responsible for the reporting.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Approve all claims received to date:

Councilor Zimmerman **MADE A MOTION** to approve all claims received to date and Councilor McNew **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Approve all business license applications received to date:

Ascend Climbing & Fitness, Baskins Construction, Fig Inc. II DBA. Heavens Peak Organic Market, JAM Construction, and Mountain Rose Trading.

Councilor Smith **MADE A MOTION** to approve all claims received to date and Councilor McNew **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Unfinished Business:

IP Settlement: Mayor Williams announce the Sub-Committee is talking to the DEQ regarding ground water and IP has not come to the table about any negotiations. EPA and DEQ were trying to get the controlled ground water program through but have been bypassing the City and have been told they must come to the table and talk to us.

General Comments from the Council:

Council discussed the need for a Police Commission and the current situation with the City Police Department.

Adjournment:

Councilor McNew **MADE A MOTION** to **Adjourn** and Councilor Zimmerman **SECONDED**.

Councilors Beach, Berke, McNew, Smith, Taylor, and Zimmerman voted **FOR**.

MOTION PASSED.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Mayor Peggy Williams

Clerk-Treasurer Leann Monigold