JANUARY 6, 2025

 The Newell City Council met in regular session Monday, January 6, 2025, at 7PM at Newell City Hall with Mayor Wayne Westergaard presiding. Council members present Bill Henrich, Dennis Zeigler, Larry Nielsen, and Ana Johnson. Nielsen moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes. Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes.

 RES 01-25: Johnson moved to appoint Jeff Shedd to vacant council seat, 2nd by Henrich. RCV: Johnson, Nielsen, Zeigler, Henrich ayes. 0 nays. Westergaard performed oath of office for Shedd.

 Henrich moved to accept mayor’s appointments to boards/committees & mayor pro-tem, 2nd by Nielsen, all ayes. There are still vacant seats on Determination Board (Junk & Nuisance).

 Public Works: Lange gave updates on GC clubhouse sewer, work is to be completed before March 1. The dump truck will need new tires, Lange received quote for $2400. 18 ROW trees still need to be taken down, 30-40 trees still at parks & public areas. Looking into road grader replacement/updates.

 Clerk: Johnson moved to approve treasurer’s report, 2nd by Nielsen, all ayes. BV Foundation grant has been received, check will be ready to pick up in next few weeks.

 Pool Committee: The committee has raised $197K in 2024, this includes pledges. Current funds stand at $210K. Questions on Local Option Sales Tax & annual allocation were discussed. FY 25 LOST is planned to be used to demo current pool. Council will determine allocation at January 20 budget meeting. Committee asked for a statement of support from council. Council will provide & committee will attend meetings regularly to provide updates on fundraising.

 Law Enforcement: BV County has started regular patrol, presence is being known. Deputies went to local businesses and school has been given copy of contract for information. They will come soon to look at equipment & squad car.

 Fire: Chief Erie provided 2025 officers. Zeigler moved to approve officers, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes. Insurance for Fire Department will be looked into to see if there is a cheaper option.

 Ambulance: Chief Erie requested to buy a CO monitor for ambulance, council gave approval.

 Library: No December meeting was had. Library survey is still open and Board urges citizens to participate.

 Johnson moved to approve the 28E agreement with Newell Golf Course & Newell-Fonda School, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes.

 Nielsen moved to begin advertisements for summer help with wages starting at Mowers: $15, Shelter House: $15, Clubhouse Attendants: $13 plus tips and a .25 cent raise to returning employees, 2nd by Johnson.

 Johnson moved to accept RES 02-25 for employee raises, 2nd by Henrich. RCV: Johnson, Nielsen, Shedd, Zeigler, Henrich all ayes. 0 nays.

 Public forum was opened at 8:28pm with no comments. Closed at 8:29pm.

 Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes.

Heather Copp, City Clerk Wayne Westergaard, Mayor