OCTOBER 7, 2024

The Newell City Council met in regular session Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7PM at Newell City Hall with Mayor Wayne Westergaard presiding. Council members present Bill Henrich, Dennis Zeigler, Steve Smith, Larry Nielsen, and Ana Johnson. Johnson moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Nielsen, all ayes. **Amendments to 9.30.2024:** Smith motioned to offer City Clerk position to Heather Copp, at ($22/hr) ~~$24/hr~~, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes. Smith moved to approve the amendment and consent agenda, 2nd by Zeigler, all ayes.

Westergaard reported on removal of trees at golf course this past weekend. City staff and volunteers removed 12 trees & clean up. Wayne offered Cory Flannigan golf membership & $100/hr to remove larger trees. Special thanks to Doug & Pat for the work they did.

Public Works–Doug shared 3 bids for the golf course sewer. NHCP for $24,039.41, Pedersen Septic Service for $22,205, and Dakota Workmeister for $8200. Bids do not include flooring replacement. Johnson moved to award bid to Workmeister with completion date being March 1, 2nd by Nielsen, all ayes.

Clerk–Henrich moved to approve treasurer’s report, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes. Jensen reported new clerk Heather Copp will be starting on Oct 28. Discussion had on insurance claim for damaged park equipment. Insurance company requests actual cash value of equipment, previous paperwork cannot be located for purchase of equipment. More information will be found & shared at next meeting.

Fire Dept–Pat Cross shared that Tera Cross has completed 1-year probationary period.

Library-Tanya Landgraf shared board is working on budget proposal and discussing surveys for community to address services and uses wanted/needed. Library Friends Booksale will be held in a few weeks. Assistant librarian is doing well.

Westergaard opened public forum at 7:32PM. No Comments made, closed at 7:33pm.

Westergaard opened public hearing at 7:33PM for final sale of city property. Johnson moved to approve Res 17-24: final sale of 216/218 W. 2nd St to James Davis, 2nd by Smith. RCV: Johnson, Nielsen, Smith, Zeigler, Henrich, all ayes, 0 nays.

Bill Henrich received a high water bill and has no known leaks. New meter was put in June 25, old meter was not working previously. Council asked Doug to check the meter for any issues, information found will be brought to the next meeting.

Council set budget workshop meeting for November 11 at 7PM.

Resolution 18-24: Joining hometown pride program has been tabled for next meeting to find volunteers for chairperson & committee.

Henrich moved to approve Class C Liquor License for Screwie Louie’s Bar/Grill, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes.

Johnson moved to approve health insurance for 2025, 2nd by Nielsen, all ayes.

Cemetery complaint was brought to council concerning loss of memorials, reimbursement has been requested. Rules are posted at entrances, in code, and were shared to community. There will be no reimbursement, a letter will be sent out.

Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes.

Jensen Bodholdt, Deputy City Clerk Wayne Westergaard, Mayor