JUNE 3, 2024

The Newell City Council met in regular session Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7PM at Newell City Hall with Mayor Wayne Westergaard presiding. Council members present Bill Henrich, Dennis Zeigler, Steve Smith, Pamela Wilken, and Ana Johnson. Johnson moved to approve consent agenda, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes.

Mayor-Chase Wilson was recommended by Westergaard for another term on the library board. Wilken moved to appoint, 2nd by Smith. All ayes.

Public Works-Sewer pump should be fixed by this week. Pot holes to be fixed, S Fulton specifically. Discussion had on continuing with the street blacktop project, budget $130K FY25. The total remaining blacktop is $195K. Most of time spent in cemetery & tree park this Spring. Discussion on continuing with the tree removal as is. Public works will get new lawn mower and give golf course the old one. Smith moved to replace new lawn mower for up to $15,000 with possible rear discharge, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes. City will spray soon. Pedersen will work on cameras for the clubhouse asap. 63 water meters are left to put in. Zeigler asked about a tree removal letter from Mike Johnson. City Hall receives multiple tree removal requests each week; they will be put on list if not already.

Clerk- Wilken moved to approve the treasurers report, 2nd by Smith, all ayes.

Police-Westergaard reported that we will have emergency coverage from BV County Sheriff. He will look into whether reserves can still work.

Fire Dept-Chief Erie shared website links on pending federal OSHA legislation.

Library-Summer Reading Program is underway, new seasonal librarian has started. Two board seats are open on July 1, one has been filled.

Open Forum was opened at 7:58pm. Tammy Huseman would like to have trees measured for ROW. Essings was hired by someone to take them down. Henrich moved to close the public forum at 8:00pm, 2nd by Smith, all ayes.

Wilken moved to approve the tobacco permit for Sparkys, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes.

Ginger Lyman asked to close the clubhouse on July 2 from 5:15 to 6:45 for the pool fundraiser Fonda Power Hour. Council said yes.

Wilken moved to pay $611 per year to be apart of the hometown pride, 2nd by Smith, all ayes.

Watermelon days liquor license was tabled for next meeting.

Discussion was had about introducing a splash pad to the Newell city park. Sierra and Jensen met with a company and shared the information on the potential addition to the park. Smith and Zeigler recommended a community poll. Old park equipment discussion was had, a claim has not been made. Olsen will check with Deez Treez and City insurance.

Smith moved to approve resolution #10-24 for city transfers, 2nd by Johnson. Roll call vote: Johnson, Wilken, Smith, Zeigler and Henrich, all ayes. 0 nays.

Henrich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Wayne Westergaard, Mayor