REGULAR MEETING of the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Cuba City, February 07, 2024.

Mayor John Van De Wiel presiding. Called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor J Van De Wiel, Alderpersons L Weber, B Loeffelholz, T Hazen, C Hendrickson, R Hess,

F Raupp, S Tranel, N Moris

Also Present: J Hill, G Morrissey, T Terpstra, Z Lovell, J Bendickson, K Jorgenson, C Puls

Mayor Van De Wiel asked all present to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Alderperson Tranel and seconded by Alderperson Hess that the Common Council approve the consent agenda items: Approval of the minutes of the January 3, 2024 Regular Meeting and the January 29, 2024 Special Meeting of the Common Council; approval of notice of this meeting posted at City Hall, IGA and the Cuba City Post Office and e-mailed to the Tri-County Press on February 2, 2024; and authorize payment of claims against the General Fund and Municipal Sewer Plant in the amount of $1,166,412.61. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

**Committee Reports**

Board of Public Works – Met January 25th to interview for the full-time street laborer position. Electric & Water – The electrical work on Mound City Bank’s new location is done, with the exception of some minor cleanup work in the spring. More than 1/3 of the state required lateral inspections are completed. DPW Morrissey will attend the legislative rally for public power utility representatives in Washington DC at the end of the month. Park & Recreation – Met earlier tonight to make recommendation on a project at Splinter Park.

**Department Reports**

Chief Terpstra presented the department’s monthly report. Sgt. Lovell submitted the body worn camera grant. K9 Thor was requested for a high-speed chase in Grant County, but never deployed. Equipment for the new squad car is coming in. Officer Kyle Jorgenson will finish phase 1 of the new officer training program tonight and will move onto phase 2. During phase 2, Officer Jorgenson will be the primary officer on calls, accompanied by another officer.

Mayor Van De Wiel performed the swearing in of Officer Jorgenson.

DPW Morrissey presented his monthly report. Morrissey extended a big thank you to Tim Pickel for 30 years of service to the city. Morrissey stated that Tim is an excellent, hard-working employee who is irreplaceable. Josh Tranel has been hired to fill the position. Morrissey believes Tranel is a great addition to the crew. With the large amounts of snow fall last month, the crew did a great job and minimal complaints were received. The water department is more than 1/3 done with lateral inspections. The electric department is working with the school due to a redesign to accommodate the addition of the storm shelter. The DNR reports on chlorides and adaptive management have been submitted. Adaptive management will eventually change to trading credits due to the lack of adequate land to use for adaptive management. The Park & Recreation board recommended that the city put plans for a restroom and parking lot at Splinter Park out for bids.

Fire Chief Mark Patterson presented the fire department’s monthly report. Painting of the fire station is still in progress. The department has received quotes from several different vendors for turnout gear replacement. A vendor has been chosen and gear will be ordered soon. The department is finishing up the 2023 DNR and FEMA grants and discussing what items to submit grant requests for in 2024. A department from Minnesota is very interested in purchasing the 1998 rescue truck. Training for the month was the department’s annual recertification. Calls for the month included a CO alarm on County H, mutual aid with Benton for a structure fire with a tender and a second tender requested a couple hours later, mutual aid with Platteville for a structure fire with a tender, investigation of a gas odor on Main Street, investigation of a burning electrical odor, and a lift assist on South Clinton street.

**Action Items**

Moved by Alderperson Tranel and seconded by Alderperson Raupp that the Common Council approve the Cuba City Chamber of Commerce’ street closing application as presented for the St. Patrick’s Day parade on March 17th. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Loeffelholz and seconded by Alderperson Hess that the Common Council approve the change order request from Wiederholt Enterprises to extend the completion date on demolition of the former Epione Pavilion site to May 1st, 2024. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Loeffelholz and seconded by Alderperson Moris that the Common Council approve the site investigation agreement with SCS Engineers for the former Epione Pavilion site. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Loeffelholz and seconded by Alderperson Hess that the Common Council approve the Park & Recreation Board’s recommendation to put the restroom facility and parking lot area project at Splinter Park out for bid. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Hendrickson and seconded by Alderperson Loeffelholz that the Common Council authorize Fire Chief Mark Patterson to conduct the sale of the Fire Department’s 1998 rescue truck. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Hess and seconded by Alderperson Weber that the Common Council convene in closed session under s.19.85(1)(g) to discuss action to be taken on the Sunset Ridge subdivision lots. Motion carried: Ayes-Hazen, Weber, Raupp, Moris, Tranel, Hendrickson, Loeffelholz, Hess; Noes-0 @7:23 p.m.

Moved by Alderperson Weber and seconded by Alderperson Tranel that the Common Council reconvene in open session. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0 @ 7:39 p.m.

Moved by Alderperson Hess and seconded by Alderperson Hendrickson that the Common Council authorize the City attorney to demand the owner of lots 1-9 and 12-19 of the Sunset Ridge Subdivision convey the lots to the City pursuant to the terms of the recorded Covenants and Restrictions and authorize the City Attorney to take all steps necessary to obtain the lots if the owner does not comply. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

**Old Business**

DPW Morrissey, Mayor Van De Wiel and some members of the Common Council met with the Department of Transportation to discuss the 2028 Main Street reconstruction project.

**Informational Items**

The following upcoming meetings and events were noted:

* Electric & Water Commission Regular Meeting – Wed, Feb 21st – 4:30 p.m.
* CDC/EDC Meeting – Tues, Feb 27th – 9:00 a.m.
* Grant County Economic Development Corporation Meeting – Wed, Feb 27th
* Common Council Regular Meeting – Wed, Mar 6th – 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Alderperson Hess and seconded by Alderperson Hendrickson that this meeting adjourn. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0. (7:43 PM)

Jill M. Hill

Clerk-Treasurer

I hereby certify that the Clerk-Treasurer has submitted the above minutes to me, and I hereby by my signature approve said minutes and all acts of the Common Council as set forth herein.

John Van De Wiel

Mayor