REGULAR MEETING of the COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Cuba City, March 06, 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, F Raupp, S Tranel, N Moris, R Hess (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

Also Present: J Hill, G Morrissey, Z Lovell

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

Moved by Alderperson Hendrickson and seconded by Alderperson Raupp that the Common Council approve the consent agenda items: Approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2024 Regular 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 March 1, 2024; and authorize payment of claims against the General Fund and Municipal Sewer Plant in the amount of $1,117,243.30. Motion carried: Ayes-7; Noes-0; Absent-1.

**Committee Reports**

Electric & Water – At the February 21st meeting, DPW Morrissey provided an update on the Splinter Park, school projects and street projects.

**Department Reports**

Sergeant Lovell presented the department’s monthly report. Sgt. Lovell and K-9 Thor attended the SW WI K-9 monthly training today. K-9 Thor was deployed twice last month to sniff the Cuba City and Southwestern high schools and middle schools with Grant County and Lancaster Police Departments. Sgt. Lovell and officers Bendickson and Jorgenson attended family advocates training and CPR training. Officers Bendickson and Jorgenson will be attending red-dot handgun training on March 12th. Sgt. Lovell will attend Fire Investigation School on March 16 & 17. Officer Jorgenson is doing well in training. He began week 9 in phase 3 of the training program today. He will be moving to the shadow phase, which is the final week of phase 3 and will have completed training by March 19th. Sgt. Lovell and Officer Jorgenson attended the Cuba City High School Career Day and What’s Next Fair. The estimated ship date for the new squad car is March 9th and it should be delivered to the Police Department in late March or early April. The portable and mobile radios are ready to be picked up from Raycom. Total Tech out of Boscobel will be completing the upfitting of the new squad. The quote received from Total Tech was substantially lower than the quote received from a different company.

DPW Morrissey presented his monthly report. Josh Tranel is doing an excellent job in the Street Department. There was some wind damage at the park causing shingles and fascia to fall off. Thanks to Josh’s construction skills, he was able to quickly make the repairs. Morrissey met with the DOT and city’s engineer regarding the 2028 Main St. project. The Board of Public Works will meet prior to the April council meeting to review and make recommendation on the 2024 street projects. Morrissey attended the APPA rally in Washington D.C. and spoke with legislators regarding a bill being introduced to help alleviate the current supply chain issues. Before the final coat of blacktop is applied to the parking lot at the south end of Splinter Park, some lights will be installed. The Park & Recreation Board will meet in the next few weeks to begin preparing plans to send out for bids on the inclusive playground equipment. The Lions Club’s planned improvements at Lions Park should begin in the next month or two. Sanitation will meet soon to discuss the adaptive management plan. The first of several public meetings regarding future plans for the former Epione site will be Wednesday, March 20th from 4:40-6:30 p.m. at Mound City Bank. The costs related to this process will be covered by the $20,000 TAG grant from the DNR & EPA. Following the meetings, the consultants will provide 2 different concept drawings for potential development of the site, based on input from the public. Mayor Van De Wiel asked about the lot the city previously took off the market due to wetland issues. Morrissey stated that the lot is still not ready to be sold due to some issues with the DNR’s findings regarding the wetlands. Mayor Van De Wiel also inquired about appointing a member to the Electric & Water Commission to fill the seat previously held by John Staver. Morrissey stated that will probably be done in April at the Reorganizational Meeting.

**Action Items**

Moved by Alderperson Moris and seconded by Alderperson Hess that the Common Council approve the change of Agent for Kwik Trip #339 to David P. Wagner. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Hazen and seconded by Alderperson Hendrickson that the Common Council approve a dance permit for Margarita Blitz for the license period 7/1/23 – 6/30/24. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

Moved by Alderperson Loeffelholz and seconded by Alderperson Moris that the Common Council accept the bid from Wiederholt Enterprises LLC for razing of the structure at 204 S. Main Street contingent upon the city completing the purchase of the property. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0.

**Informational Items**

The following upcoming meetings and events were noted:

* Library Board Meeting – Mon, Mar 4th – 4:30 p.m.
* CDC/EDC meeting – Tue, Mar 12th – 8:00 a.m.
* St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Sun, Mar 17th – 5:30 p.m.
* Electric & Water Commission Regular Meeting – Wed, Mar 20th – 3:30 p.m.
* Public Meeting (Epione Redevelopment) – Wed, Mar 20th – 4:30-6:30 p.m. @ Mound City Bank
* Grant County Economic Development Corporation Meeting – Wed, Mar 27th – Cole Acres
* Spring Election – Tue, Apr 2nd – 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. - Firehouse
* Common Council Regular Meeting – Wed, Apr 3rd – 7:00 p.m.

The Common Council congratulates the Cuba City High School Girls Basketball team on qualifying for the state tournament.

Moved by Alderperson Hendrickson and seconded by Alderperson Moris that this meeting adjourn. Motion carried: Ayes-8; Noes-0. (7:32 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