

**MINUTES OF THE EDNA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
EDNA CITY HALL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER:

MAYOR SAM VAIL CALLED THE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE EDNA CITY HALL.

OPENING PRAYER:

SAM VAIL

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS CINDY BARNES, JESSIE FOISTER, JOE KASHKA, AND JO KINZIE WERE PRESENT. SHARON HOYT WAS ABSENT.

ALSO, PRESENT WERE JOYCE ROSSON; CITY CLERK, JASON MYERS; PUBLICWORKS, LEA HILDERBRAND; TREASURER, JOHN REIMER; VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTING, TONY GRANT; MAGUIRE IRON, MELISSA SIMMONS, AZURE WEST, JACOB MCCALLIE, JENI MCCALLIE, AND HOWARD FOISTER.

MINUTES KASHKA MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023. BARNES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

INVOICES FOISTER MADE A MOTION TO PAY THE INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,260.26 FROM THE OPERATING ACCOUNT. KINZIE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD

JOHN REIMER – VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTING

MR. REIMER INTRODUCED HIMSELF, SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL, AND SHARED A POWER- POINT PRESENTATION RELATING TO HIS RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERIOR OF THE CITY'S WATER TOWER. THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROPOSAL WAS \$72,300.00.

TONY GRANT – MAGUIRE IRON

MR. GRANT SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,500.00 FOR REPAIRS AND COATING THE INTERIOR OF THE CITY'S WATER TOWER. HE SHARED HIS EXPERIENCE IN DESIGNING, ENGINEERING AND MAINTAINING WATER TOWERS.

MELISSA SIMMONS – EDNA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED CODY LEAR AND MATHEW BARNETT, TO BE APPROVED AS NEW LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS.

BARNES SO MOVED AND KINZIE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FUND RAISING EFFORTS

THE LIBRARY BOARD HAS BEEN DISCUSSING FORMING A BOOK CLUB AND THEIR IDEAS FOR FUND RAISING.

AZURE WEST

DOG PARK MS. WEST SHARED A REQUEST FOR A DOG PARK IN THE CITY OF EDNA, HOWEVER THE AREAS OF WHICH WAS CHOSEN WAS ON SCHOOLS PROPERTY. SHE HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO GRANT FUNDING AND OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS.

THE CITY RECOMMENDED THE CITY LAKE AS A PLACE FOR INDIVIDUALS TO EXERCISE THEIR DOGS. WEST WAS UNAWARE OF THAT OPTION.

CITY CLERK

2024 EMPLOYEE PAID HOLIDAYS

BARNES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 EMPLOYEE PAID HOLIDAYS. KINZIE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

LETTER OF REQUEST

A LETTER OF REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL BY AMERY BAKER – R.U.S.H. CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP FOR CONSIDERATION TO REDUCE OR WAIVE THE FEES FOR THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SENIOR CENTER AS THEIR WEEKLY MEETING PLACE.

BARNES MADE A MOTION AND KASHKA SECONDED TO DENY THE REQUEST PER CITY POLICY. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

THE COUNCIL ASKED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO MS. BAKER REGARDING THE REQUEST AND LET HER KNOW THEY SUPPORT HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP.

FRINGE BENEFIT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARNES TO ALLOW \$500.00 PER MONTH AS A TAXABLE FRINGE BENEFIT IN 2024 FOR EMPLOYEES COVERED UNDER THEIR SPOUSE'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN OR OTHER COVERED PLANS. KINZIE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW MEMBER

JOE KASHKA, EVFD CHIEF, SUBMITTED LEA HILDERBRAND AS A NEW MEMBER PER THE MEMBER'S RECOMMENDATION.

KINZIE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FIRE MEMBER'S RECOMMENDATION. BARNES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3/1, WITH KASHKA ABSTAINING.

BRUSH I THE FUEL PUMP HAS BEEN REPLACED AND BRUSH I IS BACK IN SERVICE.

BRUSH II THE ALTERNATOR HAS FAILED ON BRUSH II, CAUSING A SPEED SENSOR TO FOUL AND THE RADIATOR IS LEAKING. HORTON AUTOMOTIVE HAS GIVEN AN ESTIMATE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,200.00 TO REPLACE THE ALTERNATOR AND RADIATOR.

BARNES MOVED TO APPROVE \$1,300.00 FOR THE REPAIRS. KINZIE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 3/1 WITH KASHKA ABSTAINING.

INFORMATIONAL

- THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTED EDNA IN THE ALTAMONT CHRISTMAS PARADE LAST WEEK IN THE DUECE
- THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HAVE BEEN MOVED BACK TO THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 PM
- THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING TO UPDATE THE BY-LAWS AND PLAN TO SUBMIT THEM TO THE GOVERNING BODY FOR APPROVAL

NFIRS REPORTING

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS HAVE MADE A REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PAY FOR THE INDIVIDUALS COMPLETING THE NFIRS REPORTS. THE GOVERNING BODY TABLED THE REQUEST.

**UTILITY DEPARTMENT
WATER TOWER PROPOSALS**

EXECUTIVE MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOISTER TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE MEETING FOR 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTING AND MAGUIRE IRON WITH JASON MYERS AND JOYCE ROSSON AT 8:22 PM. GUEST MAY RETURN TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE MEETING. KINZIE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

OPEN MEETING

THE OPEN MEET RESUMED AT 8:32 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

WATER TOWER

KINZIE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT OF SERVICES FROM MAGUIRE IRON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,500.00. BARNES SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

COMMUNITY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

JASON MYERS, ALONG WITH THE GOVERNING BODY EXTENDED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE HARD WORK THAT JOYCE AND LEA PUT INTO THE AUXILARY MEETING ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING. THE LADIES EXTENDED THEIR APPRECIATION TO JASON AND COREY, AS WELL. WORKING AS A TEAM, THE ROOM WAS SCRAPED, PAINTED, WITH NEW CEILING TILES AND LIGHT FIXTURES INSTALLED.

NEW BUSINESS


CMB LICENSES

BARNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS FOR DEEP SOUTH FISH HOUSE AND WOODSHED OF EDNA, LLC, CONTINGENT TO RECEIVING THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, FEES, AND PASSING THE BACKGROUNDS. KINZIE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4/0.

ADJOURNMENT


FOISTER MOVED ADJOURN. KASHKA SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 4/0. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:43 P.M.

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY,
JANUARY 11TH, 2024 AT 7:00 PM.



Sam Vail, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Rosson, City Clerk