

CITY OF POMEROY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

March 11, 2024

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Call to Order: called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor C Loots.

Roll Call: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Absent: none.

Pledge of Allegiance

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: C Charleston asked that the agendas get posted online. B Thoma mentioned adding a fence on the west side of the park. Mayor Loots requested maintenance get fencing bids. Mayor Loots said she walked downtown Ontario sidewalks with RP Constructors LLC and Civil Engineers & Constructors LLC representatives from Sioux City. She updated the council regarding A. Luke's bank property on Main St. as well as recommendations for tree replacement at Gordon Prange Park and the cemetery.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M Becker made a motion, seconded by C Charleston, to approve the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Hinners, to approve the consent agenda: financials, minutes, requests, reports and bill list. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dustin Thompson stated the fire alarm at the school isn't working, so the school is chained and padlocked. He also discussed Homecoming and the alumni basketball tournament.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Main St Building: Mayor Loots gave an update on the Main St buildings. K Lyon stated Byron's fundraising committee will be touring two buildings this week for options to relocate Byron's Bar.

Water/Sewer/Streets: B VanMeter gave an update on the activities for the maintenance department and will have bids for a new mower next month.

Park/Cemetery: The Council listed events for Homecoming so far including a band at the park Friday night, parade, big wheel races, Library's 100th anniversary, bingo and softball. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Thoma to hire Essing and Son Tree Service to remove/trim trees in the right-of-way on N Seneca St. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Council discussed replacement trees for the MidAmerican grant. Mayor Loots stated it will be \$65 to laminate the cemetery directory once it's updated. She said the cardinal carving for Union Cemetery was ordered and paid for by donations. The maintenance department will pour a cement base for it. A motion was made for by D DeVore seconded by C Charleston to cut down the ash tree at the cemetery, that was thought to be considered for an angel carving. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Mayor Loots said Pastor Russell Weller will give the Memorial Day address at Union Cemetery.

Community Building: Mayor Loots presented two price options from C. Moody for the floors: auto-scrub plus wax or strip and wax. After discussion the council decided to table it.

Nuisance Properties: The Council will review the 2024 nuisance property list compiled by Chief Gerdes and will report back to her with their top five picks by Friday.

Police Dept.: There were 31 calls for service. The Council discussed parking on Elm St between Main and Ontario and parking on Main St. The Council instructed maintenance to place No

Parking signs on both sides of Elm St between Main St. and Ontario St. and on the east side of Main St.

Fire Dept.: A motion was made by B Thoma seconded by M Becker to approve Karen Meyer as a new fire fighter pending completion of her physical. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City Hall: City Clerk Juilfs stated the City's property and liability insurance with ICAP went up 28% this year. The Council discussed a proposed lease agreement for City Hall and the Library and tabled a decision until the March 26th meeting. The Council discussed City Hall's hours and agreed to a trial of open to the public hours for City Hall for the month of April set as Monday through Thursday 9am to 3pm. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Thoma to update the personnel policy for a two-week resignation notice as presented by Mayor Loots. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. A motion was made by C Charleston seconded by B Hinners to approve Dollar General's liquor license. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Council discussed having employee reviews in May.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:16 P.M.

CASEYS	4 DEPT'S GAS CREDIT CRDS	\$ 313.44
CAL CO JOURNAL HERALD	Cncl Min 1.28,31 & 2.5,12 Ad	\$ 262.61
HAWKINS WATER T	Azone 15.LPC 4	\$ 2,133.16
WINDSTREAM	Telephone & Internet	\$ 1,115.36
NWC	CH Internet	\$ 49.95
NC IA	4weeks packers	\$ 995.28
WELLMARK	Health Ins	\$ 4,833.10
MIDAMERICAN ENE	Electricity	\$ 2,744.09
GRAY SANITATION	243 Garbage Services	\$ 2,607.50
US POST MASTER	Water Bills and Stamps	\$ 221.17
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 2,653.53
FIRST COMMUNITY BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 4,012.28
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	Feb WET Tax	\$ 1,782.69
CAL CO REMINDER	Help Wanted ad	\$ 68.00
NAPA AUTO MANSON	Miscel Gloves	\$ 63.70
ISG	Water Treatment Plant	\$ 1,035.00
POKY RECORD DEMOCRA	Help Wanted Ad	\$ 59.50
MENARDS	5 tier Shelf supplies	\$ 176.40
MANSON SWANSON	Broom.Revet Kit & Tool	\$ 50.97
HIWAY TRUCK EQU	Hyd Oil	\$ 37.50
OFFICE OF AUDITOR	Periodic Exam Fee	\$ 1,500.00
GERDES LORIE	Hotel-250 Miles to DSM	\$ 434.06
ABSTRACT SERVICES OF CAL	WR Brown.Banuelos.Essing.Hayte	\$ 740.00
ESSING JUDY	Cleaning SH & CB	\$ 121.00
UNITYPOINT HEALTH TRINITY	2 emp physicals-Lib	\$ 344.00
BADGER METER, INC.	Beacon Hosting	\$ 32.30
METERING & TECHNOLOGY	2 meter New Coop Seed Shed"	\$ 1,332.84
ACCESS SYSTEMS	Main Cont	\$ 239.43
BASYS PROCESSING	Campground Fee	\$ 203.24
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	Dental Ins	\$ 248.36
HARTFORD	Life.short.long.dis Ad/D	\$ 100.67
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	Drinking water test	\$ 58.50
CONNECTIONS REAL ESTATE	unit 39	\$ 1,108.41
BMO HARRIS BANK	Micro365.OntheClock.USPS	\$ 124.34
MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE SER	Affidavit Operator	\$ 900.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 02/21/2024	\$ 5,193.62
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/06/2024	\$ 4,616.41
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$ 42,512.41
	GENERAL FUND	\$ 17,545.06
	ROAD USE FUND	\$ 4,455.37
	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	\$ 5,182.13
	WATER FUND	\$ 10,048.59
	SEWER FUND	\$ 5,281.26

Total Revenues for Feb: General Fund \$5,504.41 Special Revenue \$11,470.61 and Utility Funds \$32,633.39 Total Rev. \$49,608.41

_____ Cynthia Loots, Mayor

_____ Sarah Juilfs, City Clerk