

**CITY OF POMEROY
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

MINUTES

April 8, 2024

OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING: called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Cynthia Loots

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

Public Hearing: Proposed FY 25 Budget.

Public Comment: There was none.

Closing of Public Hearing: 6:01 P.M.

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Pledge of Allegiance

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: The Council thanked the Maintenance Department for cleaning the Streets and for their hard work at the water plant.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M Becker made a motion, seconded by B Hinners, 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 C Charleston seconded by D DeVore, 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: There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building Permit: A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Thoma to approve the building permit for 104 E 2nd St. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Church softball League/Homecoming: Audra Rozenboom coordinated a Church softball league with four area churches, that will host games in Pomeroy and Palmer. She was given permission to host games at the Pomeroy Park on July 14th and September 8th. She gave an update from the Homecoming volunteers meeting to the Council with a list of events scheduled and this year's theme Mardi Gras for Homecoming. The next meeting will be on May 2nd.

Main St Building: Mayor Loots stated that the certificates of assignment of public bidder came from the County Treasurer and were forwarded to the City Attorney. The Attorney will send notice to all interested parties, that they have 90-days to claim ownership. Once the 90 days have past the City can take ownership of 104, 106, 108 & 110 Main St. K Lyon gave an update from the Friends of Byron's committee, that they have it narrowed down to two buildings for the bar to move to. Mayor Loots stated that nothing can be done with the downtown buildings until the City takes ownership of the other properties.

Pomeroy School: Mayor Loots did not have an update for the school building RFP's. She applied for a renovation oversight grant for \$5,000 that helps develop ideas for repurposed building use.

Water/Sewer/Streets: D Koval gave an update on the activities for the maintenance department including the water plant, valve exercising, shut offs and lead line inventory. D Koval got three

bids for mowers from Western Iowa Equip. for \$12,950, Poky Equip. for \$12,400 and KC Nielsen for \$11,500. A motion was made by M Becker seconded by D DeVore to purchase the mower from Western Iowa Equip. for \$12,950. Roll call: Ayes: D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston. Motion Denied. A motion was made by B Thoma seconded by C Charleston to approve the bid from KC Nielsen for a Z950M mower for \$11,500. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma and C Charleston. Nays: D DeVore and M Becker. Motion Carried. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Thoma to purchase a post hole digger from Bomgaars for \$930. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by C Charleston to pick up tires during spring clean-up at a cost of \$8 per car/pickup/SUV tires and charge more for larger tires. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. The Council discussed bids for dust control and due to the significant price increase the Council chose at this time to not apply dust control. The Council discussed the condition of N Ontario St and asked the maintenance department to get bids for repairing the street.

Park/Cemetery: A motion was made by C Charleston seconded by D DeVore to approve the cemetery contract with Dale Oberhelman for \$17,000. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Tree removal was tabled until the next meeting. The City was awarded a Trees Please grant for \$2,000 from MidAmerican Energy. Mayor Loots ordered five trees for the park and four trees for the cemetery for the grant. She also announced that the Lundeen family will be donating four concolor fir trees in memory of Eileen for the entrance of the cemetery.

Community Building: Mayor Loots discussed the PA system in the community building and City Clerk Juilfs suggested renters contact the library to possibly use their PA system for events. A motion was made by M Becker seconded by D DeVore to set the rent for the community building to \$40 per day for Monday - Thursday and \$75 per day for Friday-Sunday. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Nuisance Properties: Police Chief Gerdes gave an update of the top five nuisance property list and discussed the safe with the Council. B Hinners stated she would contact the owner of the safe. D Koval asked to be present too.

Police Dept.: There were 37 calls for service. City Clerk Juilfs stated the USDA grant for \$28,500 to purchase a new police vehicle will expire on April 27, 2024. A motion was made by M Becker seconded by C Charleston to purchase a 2024 Dodge Durango from Stew Hansen Dodge City for \$43,908. Roll call: Ayes: B Thoma, C Charleston and M Becker. Nays: D DeVore and B Hinners. Motion Carried.

Building Permit: A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Hinners to approve the building permit for 107 W 6th St. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Hinners to approve the building permit for 103 S Cayuga St. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City Hall: The Council decided not to host citywide garage sales. The Council received a request from the Historical Society to return the counter and flat file cabinet back to the old bank building from city hall now that it is on the registry. The Council discussed the status of the water plant and possibly litigation. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by M Becker to approve a quote from Greg Marquart to redesign the pomeroyiowa.com website. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. City Clerk asked to continue the office hours of Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm Through May. A motion was made by

D DeVore seconded by C Charleston to approve the liquor license for The Pomeroy Co-op Bar and Grill. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by B Hinners to approve Resolution # 411 library wage increases and Resolution #412 adoption of FY25 budget. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried. **Main St. Buildings:** Sandi Huster asked about the structural engineer report of Byron's that was to be turned into the City at this meeting. Mayor Loots stated that the Friends of Byron's Committee agreed with the MER engineering report and plan to relocate Byron's Bar business. Therefore, the City dropped the request for them to get a structural engineering report to stay in the current building.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:01 P.M.

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| CASEYS | 4 DEPT'S GAS CREDIT CRDS | \$ 247.83 |
| CAL CO JOURNAL HERALD | Cnal Min 3-5.2x Budget hearing | \$ 419.70 |
| WESTERN IOWA EQUIP | Mower Parts Hitch Pin | \$ 405.03 |
| HAWKINS WATER T | Azone 15 | \$ 895.27 |
| WINDSTREAM | Telephone & Internet | \$ 1,113.02 |
| NWC | Managed Fire wall services | \$ 152.45 |
| NC IA | 4 weeks packers | \$ 1,626.22 |
| WELLMARK | Health Ins | \$ 4,833.10 |
| COLLECTION SERVICES CENTE | GARNISHMENT | \$ 230.77 |
| MIDAMERICAN ENE | Electricity | \$ 2,598.18 |
| GRAY SANITATION | 247 Garbage Services | \$ 2,522.50 |
| BAKER & TAYLOR | BOOKS | \$ 326.19 |
| US POST MASTER | Water Bills and Stamps | \$ 216.40 |
| IPERS | POLICE IPERS | \$ 1,967.47 |
| FIRST COMMUNITY BANK | FED/FICA TAX | \$ 2,910.49 |
| TREASURER STATE OF IOWA | March WET Tax | \$ 1,687.26 |
| NAPA AUTO MANSON | Parts PD.ST SWP. BLK Tru | \$ 508.97 |
| IMFOA | Spring Cleaning | \$ 175.00 |
| ISG | Water Treatment Plant | \$ 1,195.31 |
| MENARDS | Supplies PH | \$ 131.32 |
| IA INSURANCE DIVISION | Annual Perpetual Care Fee | \$ 161.00 |
| DANKO | Safeware emg plug FD | \$ 1,696.11 |
| IA CODIFICATION, INC | Code Update Draft | \$ 1,200.00 |
| ESSING JUDY | 4.25 Hours cleaning CB & SH | \$ 93.50 |
| UNITYPOINT HEALTH TRINITY | Pre Emp Physical/Drug Screen | \$ 137.00 |
| UNITYPOINT CLINIC | Pre Emp Drug Test | \$ 42.00 |
| BADGER METER, INC. | Beacon Hosting | \$ 32.30 |
| METERING & TECHNOLOGY | Cellulat endpoint New Coop | \$ 182.26 |
| ICAP | Property & Liability Ins | \$ 22,386.00 |
| ACCESS SYSTEMS | Main Cont | \$ 115.23 |
| A STITCH ABOVE THE REST | Polo Shirts & Caps FD | \$ 405.00 |
| MPLC | DVD License | \$ 197.65 |
| DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA | Dental Ins | \$ 248.36 |
| HARTFORD | Life.short.long.dis Ad/D | \$ 161.72 |
| FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB | Drinking Water | \$ 56.00 |
| J & K LEASING LLC | Rent CH & Lib | \$ 1,130.00 |
| BMO HARRIS BANK | Books Programs | \$ 74.26 |
| REIMER, LOHMAN & REITZ | Trial.Brown.Byron.4Abandon | \$ 3,340.00 |
| MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE SER | Affidavit Operator | \$ 1,140.00 |
| KOVAL DAMON | Veh Cleaning Sup & 70 miles | \$ 97.94 |
| GLASS BRITTANY | Refund Setoff program | \$ 161.63 |
| MCNEIL MALINDA | Refund Setoff program | \$ 651.00 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | PAYROLL CHECKS ON 03/21/2024 | \$ 5,976.85 |
| PAYROLL CHECKS | PAYROLL CHECKS ON 04/03/2024 | \$ 6,195.15 |
| | CLAIMS TOTAL | \$ 70,043.44 |
| | GENERAL FUND | \$ 34,583.06 |
| | ROAD USE FUND | \$ 7,707.68 |
| | EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND | \$ 5,243.18 |
| | WATER FUND | \$ 12,862.23 |
| | SEWER FUND | \$ 9,647.29 |

Total Revenues for Mar: General Fund \$17,804.60 Special Revenue \$13,469.93 and Utility Funds \$31,220.45 Total Rev. \$62,494.98

_____ Cynthia Loots, Mayor

_____ Sarah Juilfs, City Clerk