

Present: Goltz, Holthaus, Knutson, Langreck, Lienau Absent: None
City employees present: Chad Bohr, Brian Zweibohmer, Ashley Goltz
Also present: Kermit Oakland, Kathy Schwartzoff

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Mayor Beckman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Beckman announced the public hearing for the FY24 proposed max levy was open for any questions or comments. There were no written comments or objections submitted, nor were there any comments or objections from those present. Mayor Beckman closed the public hearing.

Gworks Staff discussed additional software programs with the council.

Kathy Schwartzoff and friends addressed the council regarding placing a tree in Carey's Park in memory of Robyn Dundee. The city will work with Pinter's to find a suitable location for the tree. Schwartzoff left after addressing the council.

Council reviewed the submitted police report for January.

Langreck made a motion approving the following consent items: January 4, 2023 council minutes, clerk's reports, and the monthly bills; second by Lienau, carried.

Lienau made a motion approving Resolution 687, a resolution concerning a maximum proposed property tax levy for the FY24 budget; seconded by Knutson.

Whereupon the Mayor put the question on the motion and the following named Council Members voted:

Ayes: Holthaus, Langreck, Lienau, Goltz, Knutson. Nays: None.

Whereupon the Mayor declared said motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Lienau made a motion setting the public hearing date and time for the FY24 Budget for March 6, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Goltz, carried. A general discussion was held concerning the FY24 budget. The city clerk went over the property tax levy explaining the various levies within the city's budget. The other larger sources of revenue the city receives come from franchise fees, local option tax, road use tax and the water and sewer fees.

Council reviewed the FY22 audit findings and recommendations as presented by Rachelle K. Thompson, CPA.

Council had discussion on Gworks software program and decided not to purchase addition programs at this time.

Lienau made a motion awarding the Hillside Cemetery mowing contract to Kyle Meyer at the rate of \$155.00/mowing for the 2023 mowing season; second by Knutson, carried.

Water and sewer rates were discussed along with the costs associated with the eventual upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant. In order to help the city be more prepared when that time comes, Lienau made a motion to increase both the water and sewer improvement fees by \$4; second by Langreck, carried. The clerk will prepare ordinances to have a first reading at the next meeting.

Employee wages were discussed. Lienau made a motion approving a \$300 per year increase for Fire Chief Denis Holien; second by Goltz, carried with Goltz, Holthaus, Knutson, Langreck, and Lienau voting aye. Lienau made a motion approving a wage increase to \$15.00/hour for Randy Timp; second by Lienau, carried with Goltz, Holthaus, Knutson, Langreck and Lienau voting aye. Knutson made a motion approving a wage increase of \$1.50/hour for Ashley Goltz; second by Holthaus, carried with Holthaus, Knutson, Langreck and Lienau voting aye and Goltz abstaining. Due to wage increases in November 2022, Lienau made a motion to keep Brian Zweibohmer and Chad Bohr at their current wages; second by Langreck with Goltz, Langreck and Lienau voting aye and Holthaus and Knutson voting nay, motion carried.

Nuisance properties were discussed. The council advised having Pat Dillon, city attorney, reach out to the Defendant regarding progress via current court case.

Lienau made a motion to purchase bows for the streetlights with garland; second by Holthaus, carried.

Holthaus made a motion to purchase a locator for the Public Works Department; second by Lienau, carried.

Council had a general discussion regarding snow shoveling, mailboxes, Veteran’s Memorial, and gateway connection and upcoming council meetings.

Langreck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lienau; carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor

January 2023 Expenses		Kurt Anfinson-dues	500.00	Employee Benefits	47.26
Acentek-network services	864.62	Luana Savings Bank-HSA/fees	460.00	Emergency	12.32
Aflac-employee insurance	211.00	Malcom-garbage	5910.11	Local Option Sales Tax	10807.27
Alliant Energy-elect utilities	7253.61	Microbac Lab-lab fees	219.00	Debt Service	101.21
Allied Benefit Systems-insurance	689.39	Mid America Publishing-libr subscrip	45.00	Water	9818.18
Badger Meter-services	965.25	Midwest Patch-street supplies	141.00	Sewer	13324.80
Baker & Taylor-libr books	842.36	Omnisite-service	1022.00	Total	75660.31
Becker Hardware-supplies	107.94	Ossian Bee-libr subscrip	48.99		
Black Hills Energy-gas utilities	2905.32	Ossian Post Office-postage	258.84	2022 Wages	
Brian Zweibohmer-reimb	50.00	Reilly Construction-supplies	145.43	Bryan Beckman	2385.00
Casey's General Store-fuel	641.40	Spee-dee Delivery-shipping	94.22	Chad Bohr	57426.25
Chad Bohr-reimb	50.00	Storey Kenworthy-supplies	54.89	Kay Elsbernd	22553.43
Chuck's Service-vehicle operations	42.50	Winneshiek County Recorder	12.00	Ashley Goltz	39472.00
City Laundering Co.-services	139.85	January 2023 payroll	9274.02	Graham Goltz	585.00
Decorah Electric-repairs	262.50	Total	42469.86	Penny Hertges	2700.62
Denis Holien-dues	1200.00	January 2023 Expenses by Fund		Mitchell Holthaus	585.00
Family Support Payment Center	1423.00	General	23208.23	David Knutson	585.00
Farmer's Union Coop-supplies	21.60	Road Use	2980.35	Dan Langreck	585.00
Fayette Publishing-publishing	134.25	Employee Benefits	1139.39	Susan lienau	585.00
Fidelity Bank & Trust	3506.24	Water	6657.67	Julia Schildmeyer	6180.17
Gundersen Heath Services-fees	57.00	Sewer	8484.22	Randall Timp	806.00
Hawkins-supplies	80.00	Total	42469.86	Brian Zweibohmer	55374.75
Hi-Viz Safety-signs	100.00	January 2023 Receipts		Total	189823.22
IAMU-dues	427.00	General	34053.19		
IPERS-January Ipers	2309.53	Road Use Tax	7496.08		