MINUTES

CITY OF GRISWOLD

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Griswold City Council met in regular session at Griswold Community Building Council Chambers on August 14, 2023. Mayor Rhine called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council present: Wyman, Tietz, Underwood, and Askeland. Ridlen was absent. Also in attendance were Manager Sheryl Owen, Clerk Carmen Sorensen, Library Director Megan Harding, Public Works Supervisor Nick Kinser, and Public Works Assistant Jason Tye. Mayor Rhine asked for approval agenda. Askeland moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 4-0. Tietz moved to approve the following items under the consent agenda

Minutes of the July 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of the July 28,2023 Special Council Meeting

Claims

May 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2023 Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report

Seconded by Askeland. Motion carried 4-0.

The Mayor then opened Public Comments.

Wayne Abuhl spoke to Council about the planting restrictions put in place by the Amended Tree Ordinance that was passed in July. He stated that he doesn't disagree with the City being able to regulate types of trees planted and location for planting, but he wishes that the City would allow planting in the Right of Way to replace trees taken down in those same areas.

Joy Abuhl spoke about the benefits of trees. She said that she understands that the cost to take down many trees at once due to disease or age is a devastating amount of money, but that other communities around us are being encouraged to plant new trees to replace the ones being removed.

Carol Preston shared that many smaller lots would not be able to plant with the new 20-foot rule as they may not have 20 feet of yard from the curb. She also asked the Council to consider looking into grant funding for people who may not be able to afford to cut down trees on their properties that need it.

Diane Curtis inquired about whether or not there are rules and regulations on types of trees planted.

The Council thanked them for their input as they exited the meeting.

Ralph Tilton brought the Council a packet about a possible shed to sell firewood out of at the Fish Farm. He would sell the wood to the City, and in turn the City could provide firewood that is within regulation for the campers to purchase. This City said they would take this under advisement and thanked Mr., Tilton for his idea.

City Manager Owen read the two Thank You Cards from Sandy Tye and Joe and Cecelia Schwartz. They thanked the City Council for applying material to help control the gravel dust in town.

Owen also read the Complaint Letter written by Joy Abuhl.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Works- Nick Kinser submitted a written report summarizing the duties he did in the last month. He introduced Jason Tye to the Council and told them that he hired Terry Duggan to help mow since Andy Everett was done for the summer. Kinser said the cameras are doing great and they have been able to help him determine who is dumping prohibited items out at the Lagoon tree/vegetation dumping area. He has caught several people and asked them to come pick up prohibited items and they have done so with no issues. Underwood asked for clarification on the cement bid quote. He wanted to know if the quote at 6th and Mills was the right address.

Library- Megan Harding submitted her Library Meeting's packet as a written report. She also stated that her Vista helper Paris Sorensen completed her summer internship. Inventory of all the books is almost done. They are relabeling all the books so that they are more uniform and make more sense. She also has submitted many reports and is getting ready to work of the State report due every year.

Community Building- City Clerk Sorensen told Council that the doors to City Hall are broken and hard to lock. Council asked her to get quotes for replacement doors.

Cass County Sheriff- written report submitted. Askeland remarked that they are in the process of hiring a new deputy for the Sheriff's Department.

Fire and Rescue- written report submitted by Fire Chief JC Wyman. Mayor Rhine said they were working on interviewing a possible new Fire Department member. They might be interested in joining the Rescue squad as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cass County Environmental Control- Underwood stated that he brought an item for New Business from the last landfill meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Askeland moved to Approve Cass County Environmental Control Agency Not to Exceed $1,500,000 Solid Waste Facilities Revenue Capitol Loan Note. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 4-0.

Wyman moved to Approve Agreement Between GBA Engineering and The City of Griswold. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 4-0.

The only sealed bid was opened and Askeland moved to Approve Kevin Sindt's Bid For $150.00 for 404 4th St. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 4-0.

Askeland moved to approve the bid from JDM Construction for $16,600.00 to fix the holes on Main St., Harrison St., and in between 6th and 7th on Mills St. Seconded by Wyman. Motion carried 4-0.

Tietz moved to Approve Letter Securing Funding for Infrastructure for Housing Development. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 4-0.

Askeland moved to approve Resolution 38-2023 Approve Transfer of Funds for The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. Seconded by Tietz. Mayor Rhine called for a Roll Call vote. Ayes- Underwood, Tietz, Wyman, and Askeland. Nays- none.

The following engineering firms sent RFQ's

Snyder and Associates

JEO

SEH

Ulteig

Wyman moved to approve Ulteig as the City Engineer. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 4-0.

Tietz moved to purchase a Skid Loader from Cat for 94,953.00. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 4-0.

MESSAGES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Owen remarked that Kinser is doing a great job stepping into his new role and that the communication from him has been good. She welcomed Tye.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Rhine welcomed Tye.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Askeland thanked everyone for keeping him filled in as he was absent for the last few months.

Tietz offered to help more if needed.

The entire Council welcomed Jason Tye to the team.

Askeland moved to Adjourn at 7:34 PM. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 4-0.

Next regular meeting to be held September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers

AARON SINDT TREE SERVICE	EQUIPMENT TO SET SIRENS	1,070.00

ACCESS SYSTEMS	DATTO BACKUP SVC JULY	237
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	COPIER/SERVER AGMTS	597.36
AGRILAND FS, INC	LP GAS	492.9
AIRGAS	RESCUE OXYGEN	9.21
AKIN BUILDING CENTERS	UTILITY MARKING SUPPLIES	182.79
AUSTIN DOLLEN	DAMAGE DEPOSIT RET	250
B AND C ELECTRIC	REPLACE BRKR/PLUG	140
BASE		30
BOB'S MOWING	CEMETERY MOWING	2,015.00
BROAD REACH	BOOKS	294.26
CAPPEL'S	POSTAGE	16.81
CARD SERVICES	CITY CREDIT CARDS	2,126.72
CARMEN SORENSEN	MILEAGE/MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	200.69
CASS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSP	RESTOCK FEE	3
CASS COUNTY PEST CONTROL	COMM BLD/LIB QUARTERLY	100
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEP	FY 24 PMT #1	13,047.00
CASS COUNTY TREASURER	ELECTION COSTS/TAXES	2,058.00
CASS EMS ASSN	ANNUAL DUES	75
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	COMM BLD PAPER TOWELS	146
CINTAS	RUGS FOR COMM BLD	1,145.97

CITY OF ATLANTIC	LAB TESTING	45
COLONIAL LIFE	VOLUNTARY LIFE INSURANCE	506.92
COUNCIL BLUFFS WATER WORS		25
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	REFUND DATE 07/28/2023	556.06
DICKEL DUIT	MOWER PARTS	238.44
DNR-WATER USE FEE	ANNUAL FEE	210
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,045.01
ERICKSON WATER & SEWER	WATER LEAK ASSISTANCE	2,250.00
FAMILY HANDYMAN	MAG SUBSCRIPTION	10.6
FRONTIER TECHNOLOGY, LLC	CAMERA REPAIR	289.6
GERALDINE CURTIS	ASH TREE REIMBURSEMENT	642
GREENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	LOST MATERIALS	40
GRISWOLD AMERICAN		387.54
GRISWOLD COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	1,133.45
HALEY FIELDS		375
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	EXTRICATION GLOVES	404.35
IOWA ONE CALL	NOTIFICATIONS	26.3
IOWA OUTDOORS	MAG SUBSCRIPTION	25
IPERS	IPERS	4,075.51
J.D. WYMAN SERVICE		524.76

KAM CARLO	DAMAGE/CLEANING DEPOSIT	250
KEMP WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	443
METHENY, JEFF	CLAIM FUND	565
MIDWEST DATA	FIREWALL SERVICES	100
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	SUPPLIES	3,711.66
NISHNABOTNA VALLEY REC	CEMETARY - ELEC/GAS	73.22
OPG-3, INC	LASERFICHE	430
OTTO,LORENCE,WIEDERSTEIN		2,322.00
PAT LEWIS TRUCKING LLC	HAULING SVC	1,260.00
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/20/2023	10,367.69
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 08/03/2023	6,819.41
QUALITY TRUCK REPAIR	MAINTENANCE/SUPPLIES	673.05
QUILL CORPORATION		759.32
R & C DUST CONTROL	DUST CONTROL	11,072.50
RANDY'S COMPUTER SERVICE	MONTHLY PATCHING	75
RED OAK EXPRESS	PW ASST AD	93.5
SANDBOTHE FIRESTONE	MOWER REPAIR	24
SCHILDBERG CONSTRUCTION C	ROCK, GRAVEL,SAND	1,976.71
SEH	FIRE STATION	12,974.81
SHANE HARRISON	JULY OP BY AFF	1,250.00

SOUTHWEST IOWA TILING	WATER LEAK REPAIR SVS	9,612.11
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	WATER LAB FEES	324.5
STERICYCLE	SHREDDING DOCUMENTS	136.1
TIGER MART	FUEL	1,284.06
TOWN & COUNTRY SANITATION	TRASH REMOVAL	334
TREASURER, STATE OF IOW02	STATE TAX	862.92
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS		133.19
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERV	POSTAGE	211.05
WEILAGE WELL DRILLING	FISH FARM WELL FIX	3,710.00
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS	434.43
WYMANS CARQUEST		35.96
	CLAIMS TOTAL	113,367.44
	GENERAL FUND	40,606.15
	ROAD USE TAX FUND	20,203.92
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	65.33
	COMMUNITY BLDG FUND	2,192.40
	RESCUE FUND FUND	999.92
	RURAL FIRE FUND	404.35
	FIRE STATION FUND FUND	12,974.81
	WATER FUND	27,513.98

	SEWER FUND	8,406.58

_____ _____

Carmen Sorensen Brad Rhine

City Clerk Mayor