MINUTES

CITY OF GRISWOLD

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Griswold City Council met in regular session at Griswold Community Building Council Chambers on July 10, 2023. Mayor Rhine called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council present: Wyman, Ridlen, Underwood. Askeland and Tietz were absent. Also in attendance were Manager Sheryl Owen, Clerk Carmen Sorensen, Library Director Megan Harding, and Interim Public Works Supervisor Nick Kinser. Mayor Rhine asked for approval agenda. Wyman moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Underwood. Motion carried 3-0. Motion by Ridlen to approve the following items under the consent agenda.

Minutes of the June 5, 2023 Special Council Meeting

Minutes of the June 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Special Council Meeting

Minutes of the June 28, 2023 Special Council Meeting

Claims

Adding Alan Bell to the Library Board

Underwood seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Rhine opened the Public Hearing for Amended Ordinance 6-10-2 pertaining to Planting new trees. At 6:01 PM. Jared Wyman spoke about the amendment, stating that if we pass the ordinance amendment, we will eventually lose about 80 percent of trees in town. He stated he doesn't have a better solution, he just wanted to make Council aware of this. He understands the reasoning behind this item. Mayor Rhine closed the hearing at 6:05 PM.

Mayor Rhine opened the Public Hearing for Rescinded Ordinance 6-14-2 Fencing Around Pools at 6:06 PM and with no public comments he closed it at 6:06 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- none.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Works- Nick did not have time to prepare a report. He has already fixed 2 major water leaks on Main Street. Council thanked Nick for his work during Reunion.

Library- written report submitted.

Community Building- written report submitted.

Cass County Sheriff-written report submitted.

Fire and Rescue Wyman and Rhine gave an update about the new building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cass County Environmental Control- Underwood gave a verbal update.

ORDINANCES

Ridlen moved to approve the Second reading of Amended Ordinance Traffic Codes: Speed Regulations: 3-3-10 Changing State Speed Limits in Certain Zones, Seconded by Underwood. Motion passed 3-0. Ridlen moved to waive the third reading of the Amended Ordinance, Seconded by Underwood. Motion passed 3-0.

Wyman moved to approve the First Reading of Amended Ordinance 6-10-2 pertaining to Planting new trees, Seconded by Ridlen. Motion passed 3-0. Ridlen then moved the second and third reading of the amended motion. Seconded by Underwood. Motion passed 3-0.

Underwood moved to approve the First Reading of Rescinded Ordinance 6-14-2 Fencing Around Pools, Seconded by Wyman. Motion passed 3-0. Underwood moved to waive the second and third readings of the amended ordinance. Seconded by Wyman. Motion passed 3-0.

Well Update- Nick says the well is pumping 16 gal per min at the Fish Farm. Owen is looking into whether or not there are grants out there for a new well being dug out at the Fish Farm.

Dust control Update – They should start this week. Council asked Sorensen to put it on Facebook and Textcaster so people would know to be cautious driving on it until it dries.

Engineer RFQ Update- Owen gave the Council copies of each firm RFQs and would like Council to interview the firms if they have questions.

Resolution 1-2024- Hiring of Public Works Superintendent

Wyman moved to go into Closed session at 6:47 PM Seconded by Ridlen motion passed 3-0.

Ridlen moved to go into Open session at 7:06 PM. Seconded by Underwood. Motion passed 3-0.

Ridlen moved to approve Resolution 1-2024 Hiring of Public Works Superintendent, promoting Nick Kinser to Public Works Superintendent as of July 17. 2023 for 24.00 an hour. Seconded by Underwood. Ayes- Wyman. Ridlen, and Underwood. Nays- none.

MESSAGES AND REMARKS FROM CITY MANAGER

Owen and Kinser are looking into skid loaders to alleviate needing to find help every time the need for one arises. It would be a great asset to the city and many more projects could be handled by our

employees.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

Thank you to everyone who helped out with Reunion. There were a lot of people in town and it was nice to see it well attended. He received a few complaints about ATV and Golf cart misusage during Reunion. Please be respectful of others in town, don't be the person who gets the entire privilege taken away.

Good Luck to the Griswold Softball team tonight. Also thank you to everyone for coming and supporting the Fire and Rescue Department's Pancake feed.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBER

Wyman would like to see fewer special meetings. He would like to have SWIPCO come down and inspect 411 4th st to see if there's been significant changes made.

Ridlen would like to see the City have a bigger part in Reunion planning and set up. He thanked Nick for taking care of things during Reunion and he thanked Griswold Communications for sponsoring the Firework show. It was an amazing show. The Legion had 62 cars in their car show. It was a great reunion this year.

Underwood wanted to thank Nick for his hard work during the last couple of weeks. He wanted to make sure that Nick knew the Council is here to support him. He also thanked the Legion for a great activities during Reunion. And thank you East of Omaha and the Sindt family for their early clean up after their Street dance event.

Nick Kinser wanted to thank the ladies who cleaned the nodes on Main Street for him.

Underwood moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM, Seconded by Ridlen. Motion passed 3-0

*Next regular meeting to be held August 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

ACCESS SYSTEMS	AGREEMENTS	658.18
AIRGAS	RESCUE OXYGEN	5.31
BASE		30
CAMBLIN MECHANICAL, INC	EAST A/C SERVICE CALL	170.75
CAPPEL'S	TORDON/SEVIN	394.84
CITY OF GRISWOLD	UTILITY BILL	189.16

DNR-WATER USE FEE	ANNUAL FEE	136.9
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	2,528.03
ESRI	CEMETERY MAP SOFTWARE	440
GRISWOLD AMERICAN	PUBLICATIONS	648.14
GRISWOLD COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	1,031.86
HALEY FIELDS	COMM BLD CLEANING	420
HAWKINS INC	WATER CHEMICALS	747.5
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES, TRNG, MEMBERSHIPS	934
JOHNSON, XAVIER	MILEAGE	27.51
KLOCKE'S EMERGENCY VEHICS	AMB REPAIR	1,300.51
MADDIE WENDT	EMT REIMBURSEMENT	1,552.63
MIDWEST AG SERVICES, INC	FIREWALL	50
NISHNABOTNA VALLEY REC	CEMETARY - ELEC/GAS	36.07
OVERDRIVE, INC	FY24 BRIDGES FEE	508.74
PAYROLL CHECKS	PAYROLL CHECKS ON 07/06/2023	8,720.37
QUILL CORPORATION	CLEANING SUPPLIES	93.56
RANDY'S COMPUTER SERVICE	MONTHLY PATCHING	75
SANDBOTHE FIRESTONE	BACKHOE REPAIR	779
TIGER MART	FUEL	1,787.31
SOUTHWEST IA PLANNING COU	DUES, MEMBERSHIPS	646

TEXT CASTER	ANNUAL CONTRACT PMT	1,000.00
TOWN & COUNTRY SANITATION	TRASH REMOVAL	334
WYMANS CARQUEST	UTV PARTS/SPRAYER	40.31
	CLAIMS TOTAL	25,285.68
	GENERAL FUND	10,261.32
	ROAD USE TAX FUND	2,523.33
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	12
	COMMUNITY BLDG FUND	571.3
	RESCUE FUND FUND	3,291.96
	WATER FUND	4,794.73
	SEWER FUND	3,831.04

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Brad Rhine **Carmen Sorensen**

Mayor **City Clerk**