MINUTES

CITY OF GRISWOLD

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Griswold City Council met in regular session at Griswold Community Building Council Chambers on October 9, 2023. Mayor Rhine called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Council present: Wyman, Underwood, and Ridlen. Askeland and Tietz were absent. Also in attendance were Manager Sheryl Owen, Clerk Carmen Sorensen, and Library Director Megan Harding. Rhine asked for approval agenda. Ridlen moved to approve the amended agenda with the addition of item C. under New Business Valve Exerciser Purchase and some additional claims; Underwood Seconded; Motion carried 3-0.

Underwood made a motion to approve the items listed in the consent agenda, Seconded by Wyman. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- John Watson phoned in and spoke to Council about his plan for 407 1st St. He has estimates for the roof and foundation. He plans to work on that next spring. He plans to have the appliances cleaned up by the next Council meeting. He will board up any holes to keep animals out of it. He has a roll off dumpster coming in November to clean out the house and the south side of the garage. Council asked Owen to make up an action plan for John to sign.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Works- Kinser submitted a written report.

Library- Harding submitted a written report. She also reported they have replaced their TV. She will be gone Wednesday-Friday this week to attend the Iowa Library Association conference. Denise Lembke will be at the library to assist patrons. They now have the 3D printer and poster printer functional. She is almost done with the State Report. She will meet with the Supervisors to ask for funding for the library. Also, the library will need a new member for their board as Gina Doell will be leaving the board.

Community Building- Sorensen submitted a written report.

Ordinance Officer- Kevin Carlisle presented to the Council about the nuisance letters that have gone out to citizens over the last year. He has worked closely with Owen and Sorensen to get notices out for nuisances.

He has sent out over 40 nuisance letters in the last year.

8properties with cars/campers without current registrations.

2 unregistered pets/failure to license them with the city.

15 junk yards.

42 tree trimming letters, 12 of them will be receiving their second notice this week.

3 Houses missing House numbers.

If any letters are returned or not picked up, they are immediately sent to the City Attorney for him to follow up on.

Cass County Sheriff-written report submitted.

Fire and Rescue- Fire Chief JC Wyman was present to answer any questions about Friday's accident at the station. The Council asked Owen to reach out to EMC insurance about claims details. Luckily the EMT wasn't majorly injured. Jared Wyman spoke up and said that the engineer for the new fire station was finalizing specs for the building and that the Pre construction manager would be making changes to make the price fit the budget better on the building. Then the Council will be able to see and make decisions on the building.

JC Wyman said that the Rural Fire trustees and the Cass County Board of Supervisors provided funding for a Ford Expedition to replace the Explorer they currently use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Griswold Youth Sports- Sorensen spoke about writing a grant for the Cass County Community Foundation for Parking lot expansion out at the Bryon Legg complex. If they receive the funding, they will ask permission to alter the grounds out there. They are also adding Youth Basketball to their sports they support. Some parents and teachers are wanting to work on basketball skills for 1st and 2nd grade.

NEW BUSINESS

Wyman moved to approve Resolution 11-2024- a Resolution authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of $500,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2023 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Seconded by Underwood. Mayor Rhine called for a Roll Call. Ayes- Wyman, Underwood, and Ridlen. Nays- none.

Wyman moved to approve Resolution 12-2024- Approve Goose Hunting at Cocklin Fish Farm. Seconded by Underwood. Mayor Rhine called for a Roll Call. Ayes- Underwood, Ridlen, and Wyman. Nays- None.

MESSAGES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Owen asked Sorensen to call and get a Splash Pad committee set up for next week. They will need to decide what kinds of features will be purchased and other specs for the project.

Sorensen and Owen met with an engineer from Ulteig about the upcoming Fish Farm project and Splash Pad projects. Neither project will start without full funding. The Fish Farm project will probably have to be done in phases.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

Thank you to Kevin Carlisle for his hard work on these nuisance properties.

Reminder that trick-or-treating is from 4-5 on Main St and 5-8 in the Residential areas.

Thank you to community for their patience while the ash trees are being removed.

Reminder that as the leaves fall off your trees, please do not put them in the streets or burn them. There is NO open burning allowed in city limits.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Ridlen wanted to make sure that Owen is planning to get a committee together to look into the tree planting ordinance. Owen said she has reached out to Joy Abuhl and plans to sit down this winter and look over other communities' ordinances together.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ridlen. Seconded by Wyman. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Next regular meeting to be held November 13 2023 at 6:00 PM in City Council Chambers

ACCESS SYSTEMS	DATTO BACK UP SVC	237
AGRILAND FS, INC	CHEMICALS	159.96
AIRGAS	RESCUE OXYGEN	14.35
ALPHA PHI OMEGA-CREIGHTON	DAMAGE DEPOSIT	150
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	205.59
AMOS REPOWER	REPAIRS	416.23
ARMOUR INSURANCE	RADIO INSURANCE	27
BASE	BENEFITS	280
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	RESCUE SUPPLIES	303.61
CARD SERVICES	CREDIT CARD	558.49
CASS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSP	TEST/MEDS	30

CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	COMM BUILDING SUPPLIES	333
CITY OF GRISWOLD	UTILITY BILL	184.31
COLONIAL LIFE	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	322.06
DIANE KEISER	DAMAGE/CLEANING DEPOSIT	250
DICKEL DUIT	CHAIN SAW CHAINS	236.96
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	2,007.62
ERICKSON WATER & SEWER	WATER LEAK SUPPORT	2,140.00
GEORGE BUTLER ASSOCIATES	STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS	3,251.74
GRISWOLD AMERICAN	PUBLICATIONS	415.94
GRISWOLD COMMUNICATIONS	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	1,094.58
HALEY FIELDS	COMMUNITY BUILDING CLEANING	472.5
HARDING, MEGAN	MILEAGE	125.44
IOWA MEDICAID ENTERPRISE	JUNE 2021 GEMT PMT	75.34
IOWA ONE CALL	NOTIFICATIONS	34.3
JONES MECHANICAL INC	TAPPING WATER MAIN	708
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	GRAPHIC NOVEL SUBSCRIPTION	288.96
KEN JOHNSON	ASH TREE REIMBURSEMENT	500
MARY AVIS	DAMAGE/CLEANING DEPOSIT	250
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	FIRE DEPT	916.93
MIDWEST DATA	FIREWALL SERVICES	50

MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	SUPPLIES	914.77
NISHNABOTNA VALLEY REC	CEMETARY - ELEC/GAS	34.99
NORTHWEST MFG INC	DUMPSTER	1,450.00
QUILL CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	280.4
RANDY'S COMPUTER SERVICE	MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	75
SANDBOTHE FIRESTONE	CATS EYES	1,250.00
SEH	FIRE/RESCUE BUILDING	10,973.35
SHANE HARRISON	OPERATOR BY AFF OCT 23	1,250.00
STERICYCLE	DOCUMENT SHREDDING	278.96
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PAR	WATER BILLS	1,182.79
TIGER MART	FUEL	1,067.68
TOWN & COUNTRY SANITATION	TRASH REMOVAL	349
UNITYPOINT CLINIC	EMP DRUG SCREEN	42
UTILITIES SERVICE GROUP	SEWER MAINTENANCE	1,375.00
WYMAN LAWN SERVICES	WEED CONTROL	647.4
WYMANS CARQUEST	PARTS	422.14
ZIEGLER INC.	SKIDLOADER PURCHASE	97,431.10
	CLAIMS TOTAL	135,064.49
	GENERAL FUND	7,355.77
	ROAD USE TAX FUND	99,064.67

	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND	111.95
	COMMUNITY BLDG FUND	2,728.53
	RESCUE FUND	825.93
	FIRE STATION FUND	10,973.35
	WATER FUND	8,103.17
	SEWER FUND	2,649.38
	STORM WATER FUND	3,251.74