MARCH 4, 2024

The Newell City Council met in regular session Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7pm at City Hall with Mayor Wayne Westergaard presiding. Council members present Steve Smith, Bill Henrich, Pamela Wilken, and Ana Johnson. Absent: Dennis Zeigler. Henrich moved to accept the agenda, 2nd by Smith, all ayes. Smith moved to accept the consent agenda, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes.

Mayor- Update on recurring dog issues on E. Williams.

Public Works- Working with Essings for trees, going well. Chad Wilson started at the golf course Friday, working on tree removal before opening date. It will be ~$9K to do stumps, Lakeside has one we could rent but don’t have manpower. Golf Course shelters are ready to build. They will be 16x16. Tree budget was discussed. Council said keep going with tree removals. A saw was bought for $1600 for trees.

Park Board- Updated rates were discussed, Wilken moved to accept the rates, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes.

Fire Department- Applications coming in. Council agreed to replace toilets at fire station with $300 budget. Henrich questioned why rescue unit isn’t going on every ambulance call, as we are short EMTs. Conversation to continue with ambulance director.

Library- T. Landgraf reviewed new policies including in-town delivery. Board approved to advertise for seasonal children’s librarian for summer.

-Clerk- Wilken moved to accept the treasurer’s report, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes. FY25 budget was reviewed. New phone system will be installed this month.

Open forum at 7:38pm, no comment, closed.

Wilken moved to approve to apply for the golf course liquor license, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes.

Henrich moved to approve Sparky’s liquor license, 2nd by Johnson, all ayes.

Henrich moved to approve to renew the 3-year lease agreement with Dale Pedersen, 2nd by Smith, all ayes.

Johnson moved to approve sponsoring the NF Youth Baseball/Softball association for $500 fence sign, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes.

Personnel committee presented the seasonal 2024 summer help for review. Smith moved to accept as presented, 2nd by Wilken, all ayes, Henrich abstained. Golf course volunteering will be checked into.

Pool committee requested a donation of a single golf membership for a raffle item, apply for 2-year gambling license, and waive the $150 clubhouse rental fee for fundraiser on April 20th. Johnson moved to donate single membership, 2nd by Wilken, all ayes. Rental fee will be waived for fundraiser.

Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm, 2nd by Henrich, all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Wayne Westergaard, Mayor