APRIL 5, 2022

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm. at City Hall with Mayor Justin Melohn presiding at his final meeting. Council Members present Brian Puhrmann, Steve Smith, Chelsee Bohe, Stan Henrich and Pamela Wilken. Wilken moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Henrich and all ayes. Smith moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Bohe 2nd and all ayes.

Butch gave water and wastewater usage. Storm Sewer tiling from 3rd street south to be done this week. Cemetery graves filled and packed; need more grass and mowing happening soon. Will spray and re-rock as time allows. Slow water leak by Chuck Friday on Clark St; will need potholer to fix due to lines in that spot. Zimco chemical schedule done and met with sprinkler system contact. Thanks to Bob Rheder for his help. Pool pumphouse North wall still needs repairs.

Chief Lyman had appx 60 calls in February, including 1 arrest.

Chief Erie present, not much to report. FD and amb given their new computers from grant.

Laura Degner for Ambulance present. Will be online EMT class by Fort Dodge EMS from April 11-May 5. Degner out for addt 8 wks. Supplies to be ordered that were expired on amb.

Olsen gave Treasurer report, Puhrmann moved for approval 2nd Wilken all ayes. Thank you to Justin Melohn for his time as Mayor. Brian Puhrmann presented Melohn with award as a thank you for his leadership and efforts. Vacancy will begin for 60 days to appoint mayor.

Westergaard present for Park Board, cart shed door repaired, men’s bathroom updated, and tree service coming after the season.

Library representative Smith reported Board president has missed 4 consecutive meetings. City code states the position is vacant, Council will abide the code and city attorney agreed. Mayor will appoint new Board President.

Mayor Melohn thanked everyone for the past 4+ years working together.

Fred Palmer on agenda, would like the leak repaired now on their street.

Sammy not present, tabled.

Ragbrai planning under way. Many meetings happened, need to approve vendor fees. Henrich moved to set rates at $300 outside vendors for 10x20, additional $100 for 10x10, $100 local vendors, $50 electrical if available, 2nd Puhrmann all ayes. City has 20x40 tent. Wilken moved to approved committee to spend the $10K coming from RAGBRAI on expenses, 2nd Henrich all ayes. Henrich moved to approve street closings for Pride Days (main st Friday and bar Sat), 2nd Wilken all ayes.

Wilken moved to approve new guards per Mandy Mahler recommendation for 2022 season (April Meyer, Kristen Wilson, Caden Vandenbosch, Macy Demey and Guyson Lyman) at starting wage $9/hr, 2nd Bohe all ayes. Henrich moved to approve Nick Hurd as GC Superintendent temporarily when home from school at $16 hour, $18/hr if chemical license passed, 2nd Smith all ayes. Smith moved to hire Will Johnson at starting $9/hr as backup summer help, Henrich 2nd all ayes.

Garage Sale City-Wide weekend will be May 20-22nd, moved by Bohe 2nd Puhrmann all ayes. Clean up day TBA in future. Need to decide ARPA funds spending, or plan.

Resolution #09-22 Transfer of funds for $15,750 Library 2nd half city allocation from General to Library checking moved for approval by Wilken 2nd Smith, RCV Bohe, Wilken, Smith, Henrich, Puhrmann ayes, 0 nays. Puhrmann gave notice of interest for mayor vacancy.

Henrich moved to adjourn at 8:49pm, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Justin Melohn, Mayor