AUGUST 1, 2022

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 7:00 pm. at City Hall with Mayor Brian Puhrmann presiding. Council Members present Chelsee Bohe, Stan Henrich, Steve Smith, Ana Johnson and absent was Pam Wilken. Henrich moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Smith and all ayes. Bohe moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Smith 2nd and all ayes.

Police chief Lyman gave his report that included over 60 calls.

Mayor Puhrmann has few meetings coming up including staff, hazard mitigation, and mayors. Pickle ball court cement is poured thanks to Foundation. More flood work coming. RAGBRAI was huge success, thanks to all volunteers and groups. Watermelon Days coming this weekend.

Butch gave usage for July. Discussed utility rates and the need to change structure and pricing. Reviewed the water meter bids from 3 companies, all around $125K plus yearly fee ($1/meter/month). Well quote to drill at golf course was $45K without the pump, which would be additional $30K. The well on the course that does fairway waters is the City’s main water supply and best drinking water well. The slow starts that were installed last year have caused issue with getting pumps on at the course, very high risk to attempt this which is why fairways are not being watered.

Laura Degner present for ambulance, 6 calls last month. Ambulance approved Susie Montag as a driver and eventually do EMS, Bohe moved to approve Montag 2nd Smith all ayes.

Marie present for library, officers nominated for board is Tanya Landgraf President, Beth Olsen VP, and Connie Doonan secretary. Henrich moved to approve these, 2nd Bohe all ayes. Brian TY to library for opening up during RAGBRAI for handicapped folks.

Olsen gave Treasurer report, Smith moved for approval 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Open forum 7:41 no comments, closed.

Kolesa Kier present for Historical Society and asked the fee be waived for golf tournament as George Allee was a founder and donated the land to the course. Tournament August 27th to raise funds for the mansion. Henrich moved to waive the fees, 2nd Smith all ayes.

Mark Puhrmann present for the Food Pantry. They want to do an addition on part of the City lot, Smith moved to agree to do next steps in process with legal 2nd Henrich all ayes. Ana moved to approve main street closing at 5pm for street dance/pianos for Watermelon Days 2nd Henrich all ayes. CRS fuel surcharge $300.00/month to be added until gas goes down to $3.95/Diesel moved for approval by Bohe 2nd Johnson all ayes. Personnel policy update to add ST and LT Disability moved for approval by Smith 2nd Johnson all ayes. Bohe moved to approve Resolution #11-22 library transfer of funds 2nd Smith RCV Bohe, Smith, Henrich, Johnson ayes, 0 nays Wilken absent, passed. Bohe moved to close the EVC library account after transfer by library board instruction, 2nd Smith all ayes.

Henrich moved to adjourn at 8:18pm, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Brian Puhrmann, Mayor