AUGUST 7, 2023

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm. at City Hall with Mayor Brian Puhrmann presiding. Council Members present Chelsee Bohe, Pamela Wilken, Ana Johnson, and Steve Smith. Wilken moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Smith all ayes. Wilken moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Johnson 2nd all ayes.

Public Works Sup Daryl Sievert – sewer pump is repaired and back in Monday. Henrich joined meeting at 7:01 pm. They are working on wheelchair swing assembly. Well dropped another 15 foot this month. Well #6 is down 45 foot and #5 is down 10 foot, looking into difference. The wells are 300 foot deep but pumps are at 185 & 206 feet.

Fire Chief Erie – nothing to report. Mayor TY to FD for water fights, watermelon days, and National Night out.

Max, Ambulance - 9 calls last month, 7 were last week of the month.

Tanya Landgraf, Library Board President- summer reading programs done, book sale in October. Smith moved to approve library board officers for FY24, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Chief Lyman - had over 70 calls last month, including 2 arrests.

Mayor Puhrmann – seasonal and guys getting park cleaned up, TY for tree work. Nelson house to be torn down within a week.

Olsen -Treasurer’s Report, moved to approve by Wilken, 2nd Henrich all ayes.

Open Forum at 7:22, Tanya suggested more signage in town for library, city hall, parks, etc. Closed 7:23pm.

Geoff Smith from AgState presented utility bill usage comparisons. Asked the City to entertain a corporate rate with only a 10% increase and go back to Jan 1 this year to re-adjust their bills for a lower increase. The City will start manually reading their meter monthly, and research their proposal.

New grill quote presented for the golf course $4,560 total split 3 ways between city, men’s, and women’s leagues is $1,520. Wilken moved to approve, 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Personnel committee – interviews done, one strong candidate but waiting on offer. Henrich moved to table this to next meeting, 2nd Smith all ayes.

Smith moved to adjourn at 8:04 pm, 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Brian Puhrmann, Mayor