FEBRUARY 7, 2022

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

Westergaard present for Park Board and gave quotes for 2 golf course tree removals, Bohe moved to approve Allen’s for $1950, 2nd Puhrmann all ayes. Wilken moved to approve the 2022 rates for GC, pool, shelter house and cemetery, 2nd Puhrmann all ayes.

Chief Lyman had over 50 calls in January, including 4 arrests. Discussion had on a yield sign S Fulton/Hwy 7, Lyman to do traffic study.

Chief Erie here – Thomas Meyers applied for FD w/1 year probation, Puhrmann moved to approve 2nd Henrich all ayes.

Gransow here – 3 calls for ambulance.

Butch gave water and wastewater usage for Jan. Well pump issues resolved, slow starts working. Guys can get quotes to take trees down in winter. City to look into changing utility rates.

Melohn said will have staff meeting this Friday. Wishes to do memorial at course for Don. Room took moment of silence in his remembrance.

Olsen gave treasurer’s report, Smith moved to approve 2nd Bohe all ayes. Classes online this week, audit report for council, and legislative update discussed.

Open forum at 7:49pm, no comments and forum closed.

Public hearing for SF634 Maximum tax rate dollars FY23 opened 7:50, no comments, closed. Puhrmann moved to approve Resolution #02-22 Max tax rate dollars 2nd Wilken, RCV Puhmann, Smith, Henrich, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays. Smith moved to set the public hearing for Annual Budget for FY23 March 7, 2022 at Newell City Hall 2nd Bohe all ayes. Public hearing opened for FY22 budget amendment 7:51pm , no comments, closed. Resolution #03-22 moved by Puhrmann for budget amendment FY23 2nd Bohe, RCV Puhrmann, Henrich, Smith, Bohe, Wilken, ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Melohn said we will have a special session 2/15/22 5:30pm to discuss and open job for golf course superintendent.

Wilken moved to approve GC to apply for class C liquor license, Sunday sales and outdoor service area for 8 months, 2nd Henrich all ayes. Bohe moved to approve Sparky’s Class C beer permit and Sunday sales 2nd Henrich all ayes.

Puhrmann moved to approve the 28-E sharing agreement with NF school for the golf course for 2022 for $800, 2nd Henrich all ayes.

Resolution #05-22: Res transfer of funds from LOST to capital projects moved for approval by Smith, 2nd Puhrmann RCV Puhrmann, Henrich, Smith, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays. Resolution #06-22: Res transfer of funds from employee benefits to General and RUT moved for approval by Bohe, 2nd Smith, RCV Puhrmann, Henrich, Smith, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays. Resolution #07-22: Res transfer of funds from special assessment to RUT moved for approval by Wilken, 2nd Puhrmann RCV Puhrmann, Henrich, Smith, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays.

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

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Justin Melohn, Mayor