JANUARY 3, 2022

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:05pm p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Justin Melohn presiding. Council Members present Brian Puhrmann, Chelsee Bohe, Stan Henrich and Pamela Wilken. Absent was Steve Smith. Wilken moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Bohe and all ayes. Puhrmann moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Henrich 2nd and all ayes.

Olsen gave water and sewer usage for December for Butch.

Melohn gave police report for Chief Lyman, including over 60 calls.

Olsen gave treasurer’s report, Bohe moved to approve 2nd Wilken all ayes. Audit went well, the City Foundation is established, leasing copier from Counsel for 5 years, new AC/Heater installed by NHCP, and Frondesk has 160 auto payment customers and 70 E-bills. Please encourage others to sign up for FrontDesk!

Wayne present for Park Board. Golf course clubhouse men’s bathroom needs updated, 3 trees need to comedown, and overhead door behind. Puhrmann moved to approve the removal of 3 trees 2nd Wilken all ayes.

Open forum at 7:23pm, nobody spoke, and forum closed.

Melohn would like to keep appointments for 2022 Committees and Boards, Puhrmann moved to approve 2nd Henrich all ayes.

Puhrmann moved to table the public hearing for SF634 Maximum tax rate dollars for FY23 for 2/7/22, 2nd Wilken all ayes. Wilken moved to set the public hearing for SF634 Maximum tax rate dollars for FY23 for February 7, 2022 at 7:00pm at City Hall, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Budget discussion had regarding property tax valuations. Council decided not to contract out the cemetery maintenance, city will take over. Puhrmann moved to add another PT seasonal city mowing employee for 2022, 2nd Bohe all ayes. Council will continue discussion on golf course superintendent replacement upon Rieman’s retirement 2022. Wilken moved to approve the summer help wanted ads,2nd Bohe all ayes.

Pat Cross arrived and gave council Fire Dept officers and elections for 2022, Wilken moved to approve 2nd Puhrmann all ayes.

Gransow present for ambulance; 4 calls in Dec. BVRMC is hosting EMR class Jan 25-March17 at ICCC-storm lake campus 6-10pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. County will pay for certification entirely upon passage of the board test. Ambulance needs drivers also; only need CPR and defensive driving.

Resolution #01-22: Res transfer of funds from Library EVC to Library checking for project for $2,400 for Dale Pedersen moved for approval by Puhrmann, 2nd Henrich RCV Puhrmann, Henrich, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays, Smith absent.

Adjournment movement by Wilken, 2nd by Puhrmann at 8:15pm.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Justin Melohn, Mayor