JULY 10, 2023

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm. at City Hall with Mayor Brian Puhrmann presiding. Council Members present Chelsee Bohe, Pamela Wilken, Ana Johnson, Stan Henrich and Steve Smith. Bohe moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Johnson all ayes. Wilken moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Smith 2nd all ayes.

Fire Chief Erie asked council to take picture with Jaws at station.

Max present for Ambulance. 3 calls last month.

Butch reported usage for last mo. Blacktop coming this year. Well 6 dropped 36 feet. Gailey dropped off meter, tested and efficient. Will check with outsourced company to test.

Chief Lyman had appx 60 calls/stops in June, including 1 arrest. August 1st National Night Out. Tornado Siren: trying to get someone here to fix. Watermelon days he is here Fri and Sat am, no reserves available to work Sat pm. Wilken moved to approve 2 sheriff reserves at $20/hour, 2nd Smith all ayes.

Mayor Puhrmann gave updates: tree work will continue this summer and at the golf course this fall once season over. Brian recommended library board members, whose terms are up July 2023, Connie Doonan and Tanya Landgraf; moved by Henrich, 2nd Bohe all ayes. Many alleys are not developed in town, we will vacate those. Deputy Clerk interviews this week.

Tanya Landgraf present for library. Summer programs going great, 6 so far with 85 attendees. July 1 open house for $800 grant, was $600 match, purchased 126 books with it.

Olsen gave Treasurer’s Report, moved to approve by Wilken, 2nd Henrich all ayes. City Election this year, voters to go to Albert City. Audit being scheduled for September. Wheelchair Swing installation for W-Days. Letter of Interest completed and submitted to DG.

Open Forum at 7:33, Mike and Patty Johnson present to discuss golf course trees. Mayor provided recap of process for removing golf course trees. Open Forum closed at 7:40pm.

Pool discussion with Johnsons and Shirley Henrich, who volunteered to be on committee. We will work on getting meeting set up, and GoFundMe to begin raising money for new pool.

Bohe stepped out at 7:45pm.

Henrich moved to approve 5-day Class C Beer/Liquor permit for Watermelon Days, 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Resolution #09-23 Resolution authorizing transfers of funds for Local Option Sales Tax FY23 moved for approval by Smith 2nd Wilken, RCV Wilken, Smith, Henrich, Johnson ayes, 0 nays, Bohe absent.

Wilken moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm, 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Brian Puhrmann, Mayor