JUNE 5, 2023

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 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. Wilken moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Henrich all ayes. Smith moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Johnson 2nd all ayes.

Fire Chief Erie reported Jaws of Life arrived. Remaining balance is $9,664.13 after $4K grant. Smith moved to pay $3,221.33 towards the Jaws, 2nd Henrich all ayes. Brad Mahler up for employment after 1-yr probation, Wilken moved to approve, 2nd Henrich all ayes.

Max present for Ambulance. 5 calls last month. 2 new driver applications. Henrich moved to approve Brad Mahler 2nd Bohe all ayes. Henrich moved to approve Sierra Olsen, 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Chief Lyman had appx 90 calls/stops in May, including 3 arrests.

Butch reported usage for last mo. Sewer pump coming in few weeks, discharged lagoons, well#6 replaced, part ordered for water system to aerate, and blacktop quote presented. Bohe moved to approve $100K on streets Williams/Clark, 3rd/Fulton intersections, 2nd Wilken all ayes.

Mayor Puhrmann gave updates: golf course fairway waters running, working on greens/teeboxes, and replacing heads. Has had 2 meetings with Jason Erickson on treating trees on course and in town. Request received for goats to eat grass in town, council said no.

Olsen said park board met today but did not have quorum, just open discussion. The members said the sidewalk request/quote at tree park did not have a comparable quote, and they did not think it was necessary. Wheelchair swing is in, will be figuring out installation this year. Butch said a window was broken at shelter house, new window being installed within a week.

Nobody present from library. Henrich moved to approve their children’s librarian Heather Tuerck at $10/hr, 2nd Smith all ayes.

Olsen presented Treasurer’s report, Bohe moved to approve 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Open forum at 8:03, Roberta Westergaard gave community garden update. Open forum closed 8:07pm.

Jim Gailey present regarding his large water use, requesting reduction in bill. Council asked that the old meter be returned to city for testing before making decisions.

Personnel Committee recommends Doug Reiman for seasonal GC mowing as needed at $13.50/hr moved by Henrich, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Resolution #08-23 Resolution authorizing transfers of funds moved for approval by Henrich 2nd Wilken, RCV Bohe, Wilken, Smith, Henrich, Johnson ayes, 0 nays.

Employee Assessment, request to go into closed session by employee pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) at 8:30pm moved for approval by Wilken 2nd Smith RCV Bohe, Wilken, Smith, Henrich Johnson ayes.

Henrich moved to go out of closed session at 8:51pm 2nd Wilken, RCV Bohe, Wilken, Smith, Henrich, Johnson ayes.

Smith moved to adjourn at 8:53 pm, 2nd Henrich all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Brian Puhrmann, Mayor