MARCH 6, 2023

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 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 via phone. Wilken moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Johnson all ayes. Bohe moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Johnson 2nd all ayes.

Tanya Landgraf present for library, Jr Advisory board for MS and HS, 5 signed up. Children’s librarian position still open.

Bruce present for FD. Awarded BVCFG $13,664, and Landus grant $750. Applying for another one. Cost total for new jaws is $27,328, $12,914 left after current grants awarded which would be $4,304.67 split 3 ways (FD, FB and City). City will discuss next mo their portion. Congrats to Chelsee Bohe for becoming a certified EMT after passing national exams!

Max present for amb, 4 calls last mo. All 3 passed skills exam and class, other 2 to take national written exam soon.

Chief Lyman reported over 60 calls last mo.

Pat present for Public works reporting W/WW for Feb. Informed ½ meters shipped. Golf practice starts next week.

Mayor Puhrmann reported more pool proposals coming from pool engineers next month from KS Water’s Edge and Burbak Aquatics WI. 911 board next week, staff mtg last mo, and trees continue to be worked on.

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

Open forum at 7:29, no comments, closed.

Reviewed updated Max Levy and Budget after publications due to SF181 being passed recently. Wilken moved to open the public hearing at 7:33pm, 2nd Bohe all ayes, no comments, closed. Smith moved to approve Resolution #03-23, Budget FY24 2nd Johnson RCV Johnson, Smith, Wilken, Bohe ayes, Henrich absent. Passed.

Insurance renewal reviewed for Property, Liability, Fire pack, and W.Comp. Bohe moved to approve policy with the additional $250k liability coverage for $596/year, 2nd Wilken all ayes.

Henrich entered meeting at 7:45pm. Wilken moved to approve the GC Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales, and Outdoor Service Area for 8 months, 2nd Johnson all ayes. Wilken moved to approve Sparky’s One Stop Class B and Sunday sales, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Personnel Committee discussed seasonal pay after reviewing competitive wages in the area. Henrich moved to approve new seasonal starting wages at $13/hr 2nd Bohe all ayes. Wilken moved to hire Shirley Henrich for shelter/bathroom maintenance at $13.75/hr 2nd Bohe all ayes. Wilken moved to approve GC clubhouse attendants Tera Hanson $13.25/hr and Wendy Hurd $14.50/hr 2nd Johnson all ayes. Bohe moved to hire Andrew Melohn at $13/hr for golf course mowing 2nd Johnson all ayes. Bohe moved to approve Aden Mahler for city mowing at $13.25/hr 2nd Wilken all ayes. Another applicant for GC mowing to ask if interested in city mowing.

BVCFG Greens Mower was not approved, as they had 15 applicants and limited funding. Turfworks provided quote for a Greens and Tee Box mower for $22K each for 2018 units coming off leases, and have 1-year warranty. Henrich moved to approve purchasing both units for $44,000, Smith 2nd all ayes. Pool discussion continued, follow up to possibly transport kids to area facility.

Ordinance #289 Dog Tag/License update moved for approval of 3rd reading by Bohe 2nd Johnson, RCV Johnson, Henrich, Smith, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays. Ordinance passed.

Resolution #04-23 Transfer of funds from City to Library for 2nd half allocation FY23 $15,750 moved for approval by Smith 2nd Wilken, RCV Johnson, Henrich, Smith, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays.

Bohe moved to adjourn at 8:42 pm, 2nd Smith all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Brian Puhrmann, Mayor