MARCH 7, 2022

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

Butch gave water and wastewater usage. Spoke with D&D and J&L (Sac City) regarding tree and stump removals. The old mower needs new tires. IAMU doing a survey of water/ww rates. Silver truck needs work. Zimco, chemical company for golf course, offered assistance to city.

Chief Lyman had appx 50 calls in February, including 2 arrests. Ragbrai proposal is a go from law enforcement.

Westergaard present for Park Board, gave updates. Trees in gc removed end of March.

Chief Erie gave app for Brad Mahler, Henrich moved to approve 1-year probation 2nd Puhrmann all ayes. No ambulance for 6 wks, as Bruce out due to medical.

Melohn to meet with BP and SO next month as he exits. Olsen gave treasurer report, Wilken moved to approve Bohe 2nd all ayes. Mayor Vacancy published with intent to fill by appointment in April. New website views are high.

Open forum at 7:35pm, no comments and forum closed.

Fire Budget for FY23 moved for approval from Wilken, 2nd Henrich all ayes. Public hearing for Budget FY23 opened 7:36pm, no comments, hearing closed. Puhrmann moved to approve Resolution #04-22 for FY23 Budget 2nd Bohe, RCV Bohe, Wilken, Smith, Henrich, Puhrmann ayes, 0 nays.

Golf course superintendent position remains open and interview begin this week. Wilken moved to approve the golf course Class C Liquor license, Sunday sales, and outdoor service area for 8months 2nd Henrich all ayes. Will try BCW service trailer again April 29th.

2022 Summer Help applications reviewed. Wilken moved to approve the pool manager contract to Mandy Mahler for $1,000/mo 2nd Henrich all ayes. Puhrmann moved to hire Shirley Henrich for shelter house for $7.75/hr 2nd Bohe all ayes. Wilken moved to approve the clubhouse employees at hourly rates of: Dawn Baughman $7.25, Chris Jungers $7.75, Garret Meyer $7.50,Wendy Hurd $8.75, and Steph Jensen $7.75, 2nd Henrich all ayes. Puhrmann moved to approve Nick Hurd as GC mower $9.50/hr 2nd Wilken all ayes. Bohe moved to approve the city mowers Treyton Mahler $9.75/hr, Aden Mahler $9.00/hr and Caden Meyer $9.00/hr 2nd Puhrmann all ayes. Bohe moved to hire returning guards at $9.25/hr Morgan Babel, Izzy Sievers, Haylee Puhrmann, Emma Erickson, Neveah Lyman, Puhrmann abstained from approving HP, 2nd Henrich all ayes. Pool manager to decide remaining guard applications.

Ragbrai 2022 has given contract for Newell to be a meeting town during the ride, Monday, July 25th. Puhrmann moved to approve contract, 2nd Bohe all ayes. Olsen to get committee in motion.

Resolution #08-22 Transfer of funds for Library moved for approval by Smith 2nd Henrich, RCV Bohe, Wilken, Smith, Henrich, Puhrmann ayes, 0 nays.

Wilken moved to adjourn at 8:07pm, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Justin Melohn, Mayor