MAY 1, 2023

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 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. Henrich moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Smith all ayes. Wilken moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Henrich 2nd all ayes.

Tanya Landgraff present for library, new summer programs coming. Board did continuing education on censorship, and special meeting last night for budget amendment.

Max present for Fire and Ambulance. FD busy with CRP burning. FD awarded $4K for Iowa Lakes grant. Ambulance had 1 call last mo.

Chief Lyman had 81 calls/stops in April, including 3 arrests.

Butch said public works is getting new water meters in when time allows. Busy with tree cleanup from MA and Deez Treez. Storm water pump at sewer plant went out, $15K to repair. #6 water well not working, so new pump and wires ordered $10K. Golf Course fairways should be running by next week.

Mayor Puhrmann had staff mtg last week, continuing on abatements, and floodplain issues.

Olsen presented Treasurer’s report, Wilken moved to approve 2nd Johnson all ayes. Water Meter software training Thursday most of the day, and reminders City Wide Garage sales will be May 19-21 and Clean up day Friday, June 2th.

Open forum at 7:24, Gerry Christensen gave quote to City this afternoon to install sidewalk on east side of gazebo in tree park for $5,300. He said years ago city agreed to do it with some memorial money. City will send info to park board for discussion and will put on their agenda next month. Open forum closed.

Gailey, Christensen, and Schumann not present for agenda items.

Henrich moved to approve Sparky’s Iowa retail permit application for Tobacco for 2023-24, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Personnel Committee recommends Mason Dicks for clubhouse employee at starting wage $13/hr, moved to approve by Smith 2nd Henrich all ayes. Part-time deputy clerk job posting presented to be advertised. Wilken moved to increase clerk wage $2/hr for acquiring Iowa Clerk Certification, 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Wilken moved to approve street closures for Watermelon days from 205 LeRoy Poulson to Fulton and at bar for street dance Saturday, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Resolution #05-23 ARPA funds allocation moved for approval by Bohe, 2nd Smith Roll Call Vote Johnson, Henrich, Smith, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays. Resolution #06-23 transfer of funds from Enrich IA to Lib checking moved for approval Smith, 2nd Johnson Roll Call Vote Johnson, Henrich, Smith, Wilken, Bohe ayes, 0 nays.

Henrich moved to adjourn at 7:51 pm, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Meeting re-opened at 7:53pm. Next mo meeting will be Tuesday, June 6th at 3:30pm. Wilken moved to adjorn at 7:54pm, 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Brian Puhrmann, Mayor