MAY 2, 2022

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 pm. at City Hall with Mayor Pro-Tem Brian Puhrmann presiding. Council Members present Brian Puhrmann, Steve Smith, Chelsee Bohe, Stan Henrich. Pam Wilken absent. Bohe moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Henrich and all ayes. Smith moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Bohe 2nd and all ayes.

Butch said storm sewer tiling from 3rd done. Chuck Friday’s leak will be done this summer once leak located. Seasonal help working a bit and Hurd here the 14th.

Chief Lyman had appx 60 calls in April.Chief Erie present, no report.

Max for ambulance present, 1 call and Erie back on from leave.

Olsen gave Treasurer report, Bohe moved for approval 2nd Smith all ayes. Smith moved to appoint a new mayor at special session May 16th, 2022 at 5:15pm 2nd Bohe all ayes. Garage sale weekend May 20-22, Tennis court surface co to be here by June, and clerk to NWICCA meeting in Spencer the 18th.

Purhmann thanked everyone, especially Butch and Doug for all their extra work with the course/cemetery.

Library VP Marie Eckerman present and stated she never received the vacancy notice for the board president, and the board would recommend Ron Day be reinstated as a board member but not an officer. The new Mayor will appoint the board president next month.

Open forum 7:18, no comments and closed.

Sandy Rix asking city to cut down the tree in her right of way and pay half expense. Council agreed not to remove or pay for the tree because not dead or diseased, but she can take it down on her own if she wishes.

Sian Butler not present, will be sending in ABC license for RAGBRAI for review.

Bid given from Commercial Sign for new city signs on either end of Highway 7, one blew off and in bad condition. Bohe moved to approve the quote for $3,003.54 for 2 new signs 2nd Puhrmann, Puhrmann and Bohe ayes, Henrich and Smith nays, motion denied. Old sign back up, council wants another quote for comparison.

Pride Days name changed back to Watermelon Days and planning under way. Puhrmann moved to approve golf course to apply for temporary RAGBRAI license for beer garden 2nd Henrich all ayes. Reviewed maps and vendors. Bohe moved to approve tobacco permit for Sparkys 2nd Henrich all ayes.

ARPA report submitted as lost revenue, to be discussed more at budget workshops this fall.

Housing Fund Grant dates presented for 2nd round to finish up this summer. Bids due May 16th for special meeting. Smith moved to pay Shirley Henrich $9.00 for shelter house, N Diamond and GC bathroom cleanings, 2nd Bohe all ayes. Henrich moved to approve Jordyn Luft for lifeguard at $9/hr, 2nd Smith all ayes. Henrich moved new guards get same suits/materials as last year and city will pay half cost of new suit for returners, 2nd Smith all ayes. Training to happen in Fonda end of May. Butch said vacuum needs new hose; pool will not be painted and should be open normal time. The pumphouse north wall needs fixed. IA DNR Tree Report, 3rd street trees need removed soon, will get quotes and bring back.

Smith moved to adjourn at 8:22pm, 2nd Bohe all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Brian Puhrmann, Mayor Pro-Tem