DECEMBER 5, 2022

The Newell City Council met in regular session on Monday, Dec 5, 2022, at 7:03 pm. at City Hall with Mayor Brian Puhrmann presiding. Council Members present Pamela Wilken, Steve Smith and Stan Henrich. Absent Ana Johnson and Chelsee Bohe. Wilken moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by Smith and all ayes. Henrich moved to approve the consent agenda including minutes, bills, and receipts Smith 2nd and all ayes.

Char Jeppeson and Marty Shepherd in attendance and presented a check for $20,000 they fundraised to install a wheelchair swing in the park in memorial of Char’s daughter, Tasha that passed away. A dedication will be done once this is installed.

Marie present for the library. 100+ patrons for Halloween party and Jensen applying for grant for audio books. Library board voted to move 3 savings accounts into 3 24-mo CDs @3.75%, Smith moved to approve 2nd by Henrich all ayes.

Police Chief Lyman reported 60 calls and 5 arrests. Lyman inquired about a new police vehicle lease, 2023 Dodge Durango. Quotes and trade in numbers given to council. It would take 8+ mo to get vehicle, last lease payment to be made in August 2023. Council decided to stick with charger and look into getting an extended warranty.

Mayor Puhrmann had staff mtg last mo. New tree report completed, 9 critical trees that are to be removed immediately in ROWs and parks/gc. Deez Treez will work with city guys to take down and dispose. The City will pay for these removals and will grind stumps. There are 339 trees on GC, 44 are ash and total of 19 to be removed at course. In town total 61 trees recommended for removal (marked with red X). Brian got ahold of DNR to work on properties in flood zone. Maps are updated and live. 4 abatements to attorney, and nuisance letters sent out again. Mayor recommends Chase Wilson to fulfill Tim Baak’s vacancy on the library board, Bohe moved to approve Wilson 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Olsen gave treasurer’s report, Wilken moved to approve Bohe 2nd all ayes. Budget workshop 10th in Humboldt, virtual on 22nd Mayor attending. Working on meter interface for new meter systems, prelim audit report in, and City hall closed Thanksgiving week.

Open Forum at 7:50pm, no comments, closed.

Mark Puhrmann present for Food Pantry. Wants to move forward with purchase of land to do addition/remodel. Bohe moved to sell 22x75 ft on Lot 3 Block 6 behind building less the 25x3 ft by lot 3 for $400, 2nd Wilken all ayes.

Wilken moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for FY2022, 2nd Johnson all ayes. Resolution #16-22 transfer first half library allocation $15,750 moved for approval by Wilken, 2nd Bohe RCV Johnosn, Wilken, Bohe ayes, absent Henrich and Smith, passed.

Ordinance#286 Amendment to water meter rent and water rates moved for approval of the second reading by Bohe, 2nd Johnson RCV Johnson, Wilken, Bohe ayes, absent Henrich and Smith. Ordinance#287 Amendment to sewer rental monthly fees moved for approval of the second reading by Wilken, 2nd Bohe RCV Johnson, Wilken, Bohe ayes, absent Henrich and Smith. Ordinance#288 Amendment to garbage collection rate moved for approval of the second reading by Johnson, 2nd Bohe RCV Johnson, Wilken, Bohe ayes, absent Henrich and Smith.

Bohe moved to adjourn at 8:02 pm, 2nd Johnson all ayes.

Sierra Olsen, City Clerk Brian Puhrmann, Mayor