

# Council Minutes

## Regular Session

### Tuesday, January 10, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall in Freeman. Mayor Michael Walter called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Charles Gering, Blaine Saarie, Tabitha Schoenwald, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Jeremy Waltner from the Courier, Duane Walters, Carol Eisenbeis, Scott Brewer, Jeff Buechler.

### Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2022 regular meeting as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

### Vouchers

Tjaden moved to approve the vouchers listed below. Gering seconded the motion. Roll call: All votes aye.

PAYROLL – FINANCE	4203.86	FENSEL’S ELECTRIC, supplies	99.35
PAYROLL – MARKETING	4944.62	FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, supplies	128.50
PAYROLL – POLICE	13082.44	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	966.09
PAYROLL – FIRE	1419.12	JP COOKE, tags	83.95
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	96.68	JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD, books	1088.64
PAYROLL – STREETS	163.10	KOERNER CONSTRUCTION, haul snow	1403.06
PAYROLL – SEWER	3658.79	MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	489.57
PAYROLL – REFUSE	4502.88	MATHESON, ambulance supplies	78.29
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	4461.46	MIDWEST ALARM, quarterly fee	125.17
PAYROLL – WATER	10008.72	MIKE HARTMAN, refund	34.25
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	8408.64	MR G’S, repair	473.00
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	272.62	NAPA, supplies	242.72
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	5233.98	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	8407.87
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	9444.90	PITNEY BOWES, postage	604.50
PAYROLL – COMMUNITY CENTER	522.00	PLUNKETT’S pest control	95.70
PAYROLL – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1000.00	R & R PRODUCTS, repair	278.81
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	13901.44	RITEWAY, utility bill cards	550.08
SD RETIREMENT	7345.12	SCOTT BREWER, postage	25.50
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	30.00	SD DEPT OF AG & NATURAL RESOURCES	1500.00
APPEARA, rugs	113.06	SD DEPT OF HEALTH, testing	90.00
BOOK SYSTEMS, subscription renewal	1190.00	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	1024.08
B-Y WATER, water purchase	4996.52	SECOND CENTURY PUBLISHING	1008.26
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SIoux INTERNATIONAL, repair	1773.15
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	3082.90	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	2527.42
CHS, fuel	1995.01	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	44.00	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	1391.25
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	3071.04	TOTAL STOP, fuel	914.26
DAKOTA PUMP, repair	2763.04	US POST OFFICE, box rent	108.00
DISTRICT III, annual dues	2519.00	VERIZON, police cell phone	93.62

VOUCHERS	69859.22
SALARIES	71423.81
TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	141283.03

**Financial Report**

Saarie moved to approve the financial report as presented. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Sale of Municipal Property**

Jeff Buechler representing the Freeman Community Development Corporation informed the group that there was a party interested in the elevator lot property. Saarie moved to sell the elevator property to the Freeman Community Development Corporation for \$13,000.00. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call aye votes: Saarie, Schoenwald, Tjaden, E. Waltner and S. Waltner. No votes: Gering. Motion carries 5-1.

**Vetoed Police Cell Phone Resolution**

Mayor Walter vetoed the motion to allow the police department to switch the police cell phones to AT & T because it was not listed on the agenda and no information was given to the council. Chief Brewer presented a quote from First Net explaining the features and costs for the police cell phones. Saarie moved to change the police cell phones to the First Net plan. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Joint Election Agreement**

S. Waltner moved to enter into an agreement with the Freeman School District 33-1 to hold a joint election on April 11, 2023 if needed, per agreement. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Appoint Library Board Members**

E. Waltner moved to appoint Nikki Tietje and Ashley Holzwarth as trustees for the Freeman Public Library. S. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Other Business**

Gering: Requested that residents shovel out the fire hydrants near their property.

Schoenwald: Asked about snow gates for the plows. It was stated that snow plows only work for 3-6 inches of snow and can only be used on the maintainer. The City of Freeman uses a snow plow to clear the residential areas because they need to get the roads opened quickly.

Saarie: Reminded residents that they cannot blow snow into the street from their sidewalks or driveway.

Brewer: Informed the council that the new police and street vehicles should be delivered by February.

Walters: Informed the council that the water tower computer panel quit working Friday evening and a temporary fix was made on Saturday. Dakota Pump will be in town later this week to evaluate the panel and give a price for the repair. He also wanted to update the council that Main Street was closed during snow removal because the pile was too big for the drivers to safely remove the snow with other vehicles traveling in that area.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, January 24, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

**Executive Session**

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:00 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel. E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

S. Waltner declared out of executive session at 7:34 pm.

**Adjournment**

Saarie moved to adjourn at 7:34 pm. Tjaden seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor