

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 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, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Jay Slevin, Duane Walters, LeAnn Kaufman and Crystal Gering Nelson.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular meeting as presented. Gering seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

Saarie moved to approve the vouchers listed below. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

A & B BUSINES, copy fees	33.01	OVERDRIVE, subscription	600.00
AFLAC, employee insurance	529.94	PITNEY BOWES, lease	165.54
BROOKINGS AREA TRANSIT, donation	10000.00	RURAL MFG, repair	182.20
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	89.10	SANITATION PRODUCTS, truck repair	1859.05
EMERGENCY MEDICAL, supplies	53.02	SD DANR, wastewater exam	120.00
FIRST NET, police cell phone	107.06	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	110.00
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, supplies	16.99	SD ONE CALL, locates	57.75
KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER, garnishment	338.76	SECOND CENTURY PRINTING, publishing	514.35
LAWNS UNLIMITED, trenching	235.00	TOTAL STOP, fuel	2566.63
MIDWEST ALARM, security	128.11	VALLEY ELECTRIC, wire rubble shed	1976.72
OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	45.00	WELLMARK, health insurance	13364.86
		VOUCHER TOTAL	33093.09

Freeman Public Library Report

LeAnn Kaufman and Crystall Gering Nelson gave reports regarding the library activity for 2023. These reports included statistics on items checked out and programs offered by the library.

Ambulance Power Load System Grant

Saarie moved to authorize Edelman to apply for a SDML Workers’ Compensation Fund Grant for the ambulance to purchase a Stryker Power Pro Cot for the second ambulance. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Police Equipment

Chief Slevin presented a quote for a computer, mounting kit and docking station for the 2nd police truck. The council asked him to look into the possibility of getting a mounting kit from the County before making a decision.

Other Business

Gering: Thanked the street workers again for all their efforts in dealing with the snow.

S. Waltner: Informed the group that the rubble site was closed on Saturday due to the cold temperatures and may be closed again this coming Saturday for the same reason.

E. Waltner: Stated that Westward View needed to get plowed. Asked if snow fencing would help with some of the drifting on streets.

Saarie: Requested that 6th Street be widened with the blower and the streets be sanded. Informed the council that the police will continue to block traffic during snow removal in the business district.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:01 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) contract negotiation. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

S. Waltner declared out of executive session at 8:00 pm.

Adjournment

S. Waltner moved to adjourn at 8:01 pm. E. Waltner seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor