

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, January 2, 2024

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 2, 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, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Duane Walters and Jay Slevin.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular meeting as presented. E. Waltner 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	CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIALISTS	1500.00
PAYROLL – MARKETING	5287.19	DISTRICT III, annual dues	2596.00
PAYROLL – POLICE	14474.44	FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	75.00
PAYROLL – FIRE	1419.12	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	1247.46
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	231.43	ROBERT HUBER, black dirt	1000.00
PAYROLL – STREETS	1731.41	KEN’S ELECTRIC, cooler repair	433.67
PAYROLL – SEWER	9232.41	KLEINSASSER’S, repair	255.98
PAYROLL – REFUSE	7533.82	KLEINSASSER HTG & COOLING, repair	373.76
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	4392.35	LESLIE KEIERLEBER, cleaning	645.00
PAYROLL – WATER	8623.93	MATHESON, amb supplies	85.73
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	7377.59	MILLER CONSULTING, computer	1030.00
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	1673.73	MR G’S, repair	96.95
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	389.02	STET MUTCHELKNAUS, repair	350.00
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	10348.69	NAPA, repair	533.35
PAYROLL – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1000.00	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	7659.88
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	15341.72	PITNEY BOWES, postage	600.00
SD RETIREMENT	8351.12	PLUNKETT’S, pest control	99.53
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	30.00	SANITATION PRODUCTS, repair	163.09
APPEARA, rugs	116.76	SD DEPT OF HEALTH, testing	60.00
BARNES & NOBLE, library books	44.77	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	226.00
B-Y WATER, water purchase	5543.95	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	995.36
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SIOUX INTERNATIONAL, repair	269.92
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	1457.32	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	2211.97
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	1943.35	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
CHS, fuel	255.05	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	288.49
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	43.50	US POST OFFICE, box rent	118.00
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	3365.28		
		VOUCHERS	62610.96
		SALARIES	77918.99
		TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	140529.95

Financial Report

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

Hire Greenskeeper

S. Waltner moved to hire Jesse Tschetter for the greenskeeper position at the golf course at \$20.00/hour. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Resolution of Approval – Tri-State Welding and Metal Fabrication, LLC

Tjaden spoke regarding the plat for Tri-State Welding and Metal Fabrication, LLC that was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Tjaden moved to approve the Resolution of Approval for the plat of Lots A and B in Block 3 of Albert Haar's 2nd Addition. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Joint Election Agreement

Tjaden moved to enter into an agreement with the Freeman School District 33-1 to hold a joint election on April 9, 2024 if needed, per agreement. E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

IT Consulting

Mayor Walter informed the council that Miller Consulting has resigned as the IT specialist for the City of Freeman. He asked for any suggestions on where to get a quote to replace Miller Consulting.

Other Business

Mayor Walter: Read a letter of resignation from Tabitha Schoenwald from her council position.

Gering: Informed the council that a part was ordered for the lagoon flow testing.

S. Waltner: Thanked the street workers for moving snow on Christmas Day.

E. Waltner: Thanked Tabitha Schoenwald for her years of service with the City of Freeman.

Walters: Reported that the garbage truck is in Sioux Falls for repairs and there are no updates as of this evening on when it will be back in service.

Slevin: Handed out a price quote for a computer for 2nd police truck.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 6:48 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) contract negotiation. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye.

S. Waltner declared out of executive session at 7:13 pm.

Tjaden moved to approve the following wages and salaries for 2024. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Mayor \$1653.75/quarter and \$55.00/special meeting; Council \$826.88/quarter and \$55.00/special meeting; Planning\$55.00/meeting; Jonathan Slevin \$26.25/hour; Barron Nankivel \$23.63/hour; Duane Walters \$30.37/hour; Wade Rupp \$24.15/hour; Tom Broders \$24.15/hour; Lisa Edelman \$94,500/year; Rebecca Albrecht \$19.69/hour; John Weier \$15.23/hour; Jim Smidt \$15.41/hour; LeAnn Kaufman \$21.61/hour; Crystal Gering Nelson \$16.58/hour; Bonnie Tschetter \$16.28/hour; Leann Schulz-Thomas \$16.28/hour; Fire Chief \$1,222/year; Fire Mechanic (x3) \$362/year; Ambulance Chief \$2,520/year; Ambulance Mechanic \$314/year; Ambulance EMT \$15.50/hour plus \$50/\$80 per call.

Adjournment

S. Waltner moved to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Tjaden seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor