

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, January 24, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 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, Scott Brewer, Duane Walters, Carol Eisenbeis, Andrea Baer, Abby Streyle, Todd Graber and Chad Rembold.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

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

AFLAC, employee insurance	459.92	ONE OFFICE, supplies	71.29
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	147.63	PITNEY BOWES, lease	143.55
DAKOTA FLUID POWER, repair	1195.22	PITNEY BOWES, supplies	74.69
FREEMAN LUMBER, supplies	80.95	RUML PLUMBING, repair	180.39
FREEMAN REGIONAL HEALTH, nursing staff	75.01	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	291.00
HUTCHINSON COUNTY TREASURER, plates	1003.00	SD ONE CALL, locating	32.55
IMAGETREND, annual fee	927.42	STUCKY'S ELECTRIC, repair	24.50
OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	35.00	WELLMARK, health insurance	15933.66
		VOUCHER TOTAL	20675.78

Award Presentation

Mayor Walter recognized Andrea Baer and Abby Streyle, representatives for the SD Chislic Festival, on the award they received from the Governor’s Conference on Tourism in recognition of ongoing development to enhance the visitor experience in South Dakota.

Hay Bids

Walter announced that the bids for hay at the lagoon would be opened at this time. The following bids were received:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Lagoon Hay Bid</u>
Justin Brown	\$42.50 per large bale
Randy Broders	\$40.00 per large bale

Tjaden moved to accept the high bid of \$42.50 per large bale from Justin Brown for the lagoon hay. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Traffic Sign Grants

Brewer asked the council for authorization to apply for a grant to purchase 6 pedestrian/school crossing signs to be installed near Freeman Public School and Freeman Academy. S. Waltner moved to approve the purchase of 6 pedestrian/school crossing signs. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Golf Course Equipment

Todd Graber updated the council on the condition of the golf course and equipment. He gave information on repairs that are needed and the costs of some equipment that is needed for next season.

Saarie moved to allow Graber a spending limit up to \$11,000 for the purchase of 2 used Toro Workman utility vehicles. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

S. Waltner moved to purchase new cutting heads for the greens mower up to \$13,000. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Employee Handbook Changes

S. Waltner moved to change the health insurance to allow a stipend to be paid to an employee that chooses not to take the offered health insurance plan equivalent to 50% of the single policy cost. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Tjaden moved to remove holidays proclaimed by the governor of South Dakota from the holiday schedule and add holidays proclaimed by the mayor of Freeman, South Dakota. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Marketing & Development Report

The marketing & development report was given to the council.

Other Business

Tjaden: Asked if the street workers are preparing for a quick thaw this winter/spring.

S. Waltner: Informed the group that the rubble site shed is ready.

E. Waltner: Stated that the stop sign is missing on the corner of Cedar & 7th Street.

Saarie: Updated the group on the numerous snow calls he has received. Asked what the procedure is to have a damaged flag removed. Police Chief Brewer was advised to have the flag taken down.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:45 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye.

S. Waltner declared out of executive session at 8:01 pm.

S. Waltner moved to have special meetings on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6:30 pm. and Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Adjournment

Saarie moved to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Tjaden seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor