

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 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, Tabitha Schoenwald, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Duane Walters, Jay Slevin and Carol Eisenbeis.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2023 regular as presented. Schoenwald 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	571.28	OPPERMAN, sand	2157.75
BEAL DISTRIBUTING, beer	289.85	PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE, resale	5436.79
CDW-G, ambulance computers	3235.96	PLUNKETT’S, pest control	99.53
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	127.58	PRINTED IMPRESSIONS, police decals	1260.00
CHESTERMAN COMPANY, drinks	241.11	RIVERSIDE HYDRAULICS, repair	204.99
DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	319.40	RORY HERMSEN, reimbursement	302.61
FENSEL’S GREENHOUSE, supplies	175.00	RURAL MFG, repair	603.46
FIRST BANK & TRUST, Main St pmt	61775.00	SD DEPT OF LABOR, reemployment assist	177.76
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, resale	1201.73	SDML WORK COMP, insurance	15037.00
JOHNSON BROS, liquor	261.05	SD ONE CALL, locates	237.30
JOSH ANDERSEN, 1 st half lifeguard reimbursement	232.50	SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE, ins	67793.43
KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER, garnishment	338.76	SD RETIREMENT	6063.74
LEANN KAUFMAN, mileage	325.38	SPECIALTY AUTOMOTIVE, repair	318.96
LAWNS UNLIMITED, fertilizer	181.12	TOTAL STOP, resale	2497.31
MIDWEST ALARM, security	117.53	VAN DIEST, mosquito spray	2041.88
OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	35.00	WELLMARK, health insurance	15198.47
		VOUCHER TOTAL	188859.23

Quonset Rental

Mayor Walter presented an verbal agreement between the Freeman Community Development Corporation and the City of Freeman. He stated that the there would be no rental fees for the Quonset if the City of Freeman mows the Westward View Addition. E. Waltner moved to enter into an agreement with the Freeman Community Development Corporation that the City of Freeman will only mow the Westward View Addition in exchange for free rent of the Quonset for the year 2024. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call aye votes: Schoenwald, Tjaden, E. Waltner and S. Waltner. No votes: Gering. Motion passed 4-1.

Water Rates

Tjaden presented a rate history and monthly revenue/expenditure report for the water fund. With the water reserves depleted due to the large projects from previous years, the water fund is running as a deficit and needs to be corrected. Much discussion was held on the best way to make adjustments and an ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting.

Schoenwald moved to transfer \$50,000.00 from the sewer fund to the water fund with pay back to be received from the Dakota Protein Solutions well water purchases. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call aye votes: Schoenwald, Tjaden, E. Waltner and S. Waltner. No votes: Gering. Motion passed 4-1.

Marketing & Development Report

The marketing & development report was given to the council.

Other Business

S. Waltner: Called to get the building for the rubble site delivered. Asked what the process will be to get the signs corrected around town and why some signs were installed on private property. This led to a discussion of all the signs and changes that need to be made.

Gering moved to remove all No U-Turn signage on Main Street. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call aye votes: Gering and Tjaden. No votes: Schoenwald, E. Waltner and S. Waltner. Motion failed 2-3

Walters: Informed the council that Bender's Sewer plans to be in Freeman Thursday and Friday if the valves can be opened.

Next Meeting Date

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

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:23 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) contract negotiation. Schoenwald seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mayor Walter declared out of executive session at 8:05 pm.

Adjournment

S. Waltner moved to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Schoenwald seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor