

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, October 3, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 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 Carol Eisenbeis, Police Chief Jonathan Slevin and Duane Walters.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

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

PAYROLL – FINANCE	2819.24	FREEMAN LUMBER, supplies	505.46
PAYROLL – MARKETING	3541.46	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	1332.26
PAYROLL – POLICE	10090.77	HUTCHINSON COUNTY TREASURER, plates	53.40
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	93.47	JAMBOREE, supplies	221.39
PAYROLL – STREETS	2206.20	JH DIESEL, repair	384.99
PAYROLL – SEWER	5935.23	JOHNSON BROTHERS, liquor	387.44
PAYROLL – REFUSE	5294.36	KLEINSASSER’S, repair	356.16
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	3084.34	LESLIE KEIERLEBER, cleaning	700.00
PAYROLL – WATER	6185.22	MATHESON, amb supplies	83.35
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	2920.75	MCLEOD’S PRINTING, bill cards	1095.30
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	1330.83	MR G’S, repair	220.00
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	13381.33	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	8471.05
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	6887.78	ONTIME TELECOM, text notifications	1565.89
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	12138.56	PITNEY BOWES, postage	560.00
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	30.00	PITNEY BOWES, supplies	210.07
APPEARA, rugs	116.76	PORTA PROS, portable toilet rental	155.00
BEAL, beer	185.00	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	336.02
B-Y WATER, water purchase	8357.32	SANITATION PRODUCTS, repair	27.45
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SD DEPT OF HEALTH, testing	543.00
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	415.93	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	231.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	1527.90	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	3497.86
CHS, fuel	3729.05	SECOND CENTURY PRINTING, publishing	1006.29
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	44.00	SIOUX INTERNATIONAL, repair	898.93
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	3760.32	SITE ONE, repair	353.96
CMC EXCAVATION, water leak repair	1594.65	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	2270.88
DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	111.30	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
DELL MARKETING, police computer	3718.86	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	774.91
ENERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, supplies	148.48	USA BLUEBOOK, supplies	71.33
FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	45.00	VAN WALL EQUIPMENT, repair	237.30

FIRST NET, police cell phone	106.72	WEIDENBACH CONSTRUCTION, concrete	256.50
		VOUCHERS	66040.04
		SALARIES	63770.98
		TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	129811.02

Financial Report

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

Hazard Mitigation Plan Letter of Support

John Clem from Planning & Development District III asked the City of Freeman to sign a letter of support for Freeman to participate when Hutchinson County updates its hazard mitigation plan. Gering moved to authorize Mayor Walter to sign a letter of support for the Hutchinson County hazard mitigation plan. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Other Business

Gering: Asked about the cut off light pole at the South end of Main Street.

S. Waltner: Asked if the police were following up on the tree trimming letters that were sent out.

E. Waltner: Stated that the edge along the North side of Lion’s Park is very steep. Walters will be working on the ditching and edging in that area soon.

Saarie: Informed the council that the new storage unit is complete and asked about the drainage in that area. Noted that the new Main Street lights are still being adjusted so the light shines brighter along the street than on the sidewalk.

Walters: Stated that the lagoon is drained and Bender’s is planning to work over the weekend to get this project completed. Informed the council that the water leak behind the baseball field has been repaired, but they found another leak that will need to be taken care of. Also stated that the garbage truck has been taken to Sioux Falls for repair, but it should not delay this week’s garbage service.

Slevin: Informed the group that there has been vandalism in the parks.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

Saarie moved to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Tjaden seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor