

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, November 21, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall in Freeman. Council president Blaine Saarie 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 Carol Eisenbeis and Officer Barron Nankivel.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the November 7, 2023 regular as presented. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call: All votes aye.

Vouchers

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

605 SHEDS, rubble site shed	3970.00	MID AMERICAN CHEMICAL, supplies	135.83
A & B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, copier	3798.45	OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	35.00
AFLAC, employee insurance	582.98	SD DANR, annual dues	600.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	213.52	SD GOV'T FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOC, dues	40.00
CHESTERMAN COMPANY, drinks	54.79	SD HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOC, dues	25.00
FREEMAN REGIONAL HEALTH, nursing staff	57.70	SD STREET MAINT ASSOC, dues	35.00
DEMCO, library supplies	464.08	SD RETIREMENT	5848.92
HG KLUG SONS, filters	353.47	VALLEY ELECTRIC, repair	272.80
KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER, garnishment	338.76	WELLMARK, health insurance	16167.27
MATT RIGO, CPR instructor course	335.00		
		VOUCHER TOTAL	33328.57

2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-07 – Water Rates

Tjaden moved to give second reading and adopt ordinance 2023-07, an ordinance to amend the water rates. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: All votes aye.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.0112

Be it ordained by the City of Freeman, Hutchinson County, South Dakota that Title 9, Section 9.0112 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9.0112 Water Rates

Effective January 1, 2024, the rates for the City water sold or furnished by the City of Freeman shall be increased from the previous rates as adopted in Ordinance #2020-4 and thereafter revised at the following monthly rates, to wit:

1. For any amount up to 1,000 gallons, the sum of \$17.25 per month which shall be the minimum charge; provided however that users who are certified to be a recipient of fuel assistance under the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) shall after application to the Municipal Finance Officer pay a monthly minimum charge of \$10.25 for the first 1,000 gallons:
2. From 1,000 gallons to 499,999 gallons per month, the sum of \$5.12 per 1,000 gallons together with the above rate;
3. For usage of 500,000 gallons and over per month, the sum of \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons, which rate shall be for all gallons used, and not cumulative with the above rates.

The City Council is authorized to make special rates with consumers using an extra-large amount of water for commercial purposes; also, to builders and contractors for water used during the construction of buildings and other projects.

The charge for water loaded into tanks or other containers at the water plant or any other authorized place shall be \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons.

The City Council may adjust any of the rates in this Section from time to time by resolution.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2023.

Blaine Saarie, President

(SEAL)
 ATTEST:

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

First Reading: November 7, 2023
 Second Reading: November 21, 2023
 Published: November 30, 2023
 Effective Date: January 1, 2024

2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-08– Supplemental Budget

Tjaden moved to give 2nd reading and adopt Ordinance 2023-08 to supplement the street, police, fire, golf, library, economic development, debt service departments and water fund. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: All votes aye.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2023-08

An ordinance providing for the appropriations to supplement the street, police, fire, golf, library, economic development, debt service departments and water fund.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Freeman, Hutchinson County, South Dakota, that the following sums are supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

Section I: Appropriations:

#101 General Fund:

Police 42100

4211 Liability Insurance	\$ 1,200.00
4250 Repair	\$ 3,100.00
4340 Equipment	\$ 2,000.00
4346 Computers	\$ 7,500.00

Fire 4220

4213 Physical Damage Insurance	\$ 2,700.00
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Street 43100

4254 Street Oiling	\$ 45,000.00
4330 Improvements	\$ 14,000.00
4340 Equipment	\$ 46,000.00

Golf Course 45100

4110 Salary	\$ 7,000.00
4250 Repair	\$ 8,500.00
4260 Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
4262 Materials for Resale	\$ 53,000.00
4266 Sales Tax	\$ 12,000.00
4330 Improvements	\$ 6,500.00

Library 4550

4110 Salary	\$ 3,000.00
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Economic Development 46500

4651 Economic Development	\$ 24,500.00
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Debt Service 47000

4410 Principal	\$ 9,500.00
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#602 Water Fund

4250 Repair	\$ 17,500.00
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Total Appropriations: \$ 269,000.00

Section II: Source of Funding:

#101 General Fund:

1010 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 151,500.00
3461 Golf Income	\$ 100,000.00

#602 Water Fund:

3359 Other Revenue – Insurance	\$ 17,500.00
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Total Sources of Funding: \$ 269,000.00

SIGNED: _____
Blaine Saarie, President

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

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Rubble Site Electricity

S. Waltner moved to arrange to make electricity available at the rubble site. Gering seconded the motion. Roll call: All votes aye.

Development & Marketing Report

Carol Eisenbeis presented her development and marketing report to the council. She provided additional information regarding the South Dakota Governor’s Office of Economic Development’s recently announced award of a community child care planning grant in the amount of \$19,800. The funding will be payable to the Freeman Community Development Corporation to provide for a feasibility study and consulting in response to child care needs.

Other Business

Saarie announced that letters will soon be sent to businesses regarding snow removal.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 6:45 PM pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye.

S. Waltner declared out of executive session at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment

S. Waltner moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Schoenwald seconded motion. All votes aye.

Carol Eisenbeis, Development & Marketing Coordinator

Blaine Saarie, President