

Council Minutes

Regular Session

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 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, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Duane Walters, Carol Eisenbeis, Police Chief Jonathan Slevin, City Attorney Mike Fink and Joel Johnson.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

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

PAYROLL – FINANCE	2819.24	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	1259.04
PAYROLL – MARKETING	3541.46	JAMBOREE, supplies	25.72
PAYROLL – POLICE	9303.15	JH DIESEL, repair	254.80
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	82.61	KLEINSASSER’S, repair	145.26
PAYROLL – STREETS	2133.82	KNODEL CONTRACTORS, gravel	1006.84
PAYROLL – SEWER	6347.68	LESLIE KEIERLEBER, cleaning	795.00
PAYROLL – REFUSE	5250.37	MATHESON, amb supplies	218.95
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	2562.04	MOTOROLA, supplies	494.34
PAYROLL – WATER	6149.88	MR G’S, repair	141.00
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	3047.06	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	6876.57
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	1216.17	PITNEY BOWES, postage	300.00
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	8419.79	PLUNKETT’S, pest control	99.53
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	6946.75	PRINTED IMPRESSIONS, printing	80.00
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	11059.98	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	86.77
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	40.00	SD DANR, discharge permit	1500.00
APPEARA, rugs	116.76	SD DEPT OF HEALTH, testing	300.00
B-Y WATER, water purchase	6011.46	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	176.00
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	1436.60
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	3295.79	SDWWA, dues	10.00
CHS, fuel	1694.63	SECOND CENTURY PRINTING, publishing	642.93
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	44.00	SIOUX INTERNATIONAL, repair	188.76
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	3331.68	SEAFOG, annual dues	100.00
CORE & MAIN, repair	1378.94	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	1748.93
CRIMESTAR, annual support	350.00	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
FEDEX, shipping	17.68	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	284.85
FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	466.00	SUPERIOR HOOD STEAMERS, maint	1020.00
FIRST NET, police cell phone	107.06	ULMER FAMR SERVICE, culverts	881.00
FREEMAN REGIONAL HEALTH, nursing staff	72.13	US BANK TRUST, lagoon loan	16668.22
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, resale	201.76		

VOUCHERS	68131.98
SALARIES	57820.02
TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	125952.00

Financial Report

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

1st Reading Ordinance 2023-09 – Variances

Council gave 1st reading to Ordinance 2023-09 to amend the zoning ordinance to permit a variance for the fencing standards.

Other Business

S. Waltner: Asked if some culverts could be jetted yet this year. Suggested that residents be reminded not to blow snow on the streets.

Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Walter and City Attorney Mike Fink gave an overview of the process of having a code enforcement officer for the City of Freeman. Joel Johnson was available to answer questions and presented an agreement that outlined the fees and scope of work.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:21 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) contract negotiation. E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Mayor Walter declared out of executive session at 7:59 pm.

Adjournment

Tjaden moved to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Saarie seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor