

# Council Minutes

## Regular Session

### Tuesday, February 6, 2024

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 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 Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Duane Walters, Jay Slevin, Barron Nankivel, Shad Tschetter, Ty Soulek and Todd Graber.

### Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2024 regular meeting as presented. E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

### Vouchers

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

PAYROLL – COUNCIL	6423.15	IMAGE TREND, ambulance software	955.24
PAYROLL – FINANCE	2957.70	JAMBOREE, supplies	55.92
PAYROLL – MARKETING	3263.02	KLEINSASSER’S, repair	87.88
PAYROLL – POLICE	9932.12	KOERNER CONSTRUCTION, snow removal	1084.18
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	70.50	LESLIE KEIERLEBER, cleaning	825.00
PAYROLL – STREETS	1480.94	LIEBL PLUMBING, community center repair	54.21
PAYROLL – SEWER	8095.79	MAGUIRE IRON, water tower contract	49543.00
PAYROLL – REFUSE	6055.73	MATHESON, amb supplies	85.73
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	2436.04	MODERN MARKETING, police supplies	470.00
PAYROLL – WATER	6732.07	MR G’S, repair	2410.66
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	5621.71	NAPA, repair	59.52
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	1480.94	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	10273.26
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	6319.13	ONE OFFICE, supplies	129.28
PAYROLL – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	110.00	PHEASANTLAND, clothes	158.02
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	11837.01	PITNEY BOWES, postage	300.00
SD RETIREMENT	5684.50	PLUNKETT’S, pest control	99.53
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	30.00	R & R PRODUCTS, repair	78.73
APPEARA, rugs	116.76	REEL SHARP, repair	4668.23
BARNES & NOBLE, library books	74.36	RURAL MFG, repair	221.50
B-Y WATER, water purchase	4765.64	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	808.76
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SANITATION PRODUCTS, repair	165.76
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	446.93	SD ASSOC OF RURAL WATER, dues	615.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	669.04	SD DANR, applicator license	45.00
CHS, fuel	2083.91	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	995.66
CENTRAL STATES WIRE, recycle supplies	1718.05	SECOND CENTURY, publishing	182.67
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	43.50	SIOUX INTERNATIONAL, repair	1138.22
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	3399.84	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	2612.13
CUMMINS SALES, repair	623.81	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	242.34	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	2531.34
FIRST NET, police cell phones	107.08	STEVE WALTNER, supplies	169.91

FREEMAN REGIONAL HEALTH, nursing staff	235.82	THE DESIGN TAB, golf cart stickers	150.00
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, supplies	31.98	VALLEY ELECTRIC, repair	8197.63
GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	888.52	WEIDENBACH CONCRETE, blocks	3000.00
HUTCHINSON COUNTY TREASURER, plates	1002.00		
		VOUCHERS	129376.06
		SALARIES	60978.84
		TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	190354.90

**Financial Report**

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

**Dog Park Ramp**

Shad Tschetter asked for approval to build a ramp and platform for the dog park for his and Hunter Beynon’s senior capstone project. S. Waltner moved to allow a ramp and platform to be built for the dog park. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Golf Course Irrigation System**

Todd Graber & Ty Soulek presented some cost estimates for either a temporary fix or complete overhaul of the golf course irrigation system. They stated that the small motor is no longer working, so something will need to be done before it is time to start watering the golf course. They informed the group that the intake system now sits on the bottom of the lake which causes debris to go through the system. Both options include a new intake system that will pull the water from the surface instead of the bottom. They also presented a quote for new electrical which needs to be updated. Graber said he will get another quote and bring the information to the next council meeting.

**Police Equipment/Homeland Security Grant**

Officer Nankivel requested permission for the police department to apply for a homeland security grant to purchase a second laptop and accessories for the police truck. E. Waltner moved to allow the police department to submit a grant for the laptop and accessories needed. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Resolution of Approval – Gerald & Gloria Graber**

Tjaden spoke regarding the plat for Gerald & Gloria Graber that was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Tjaden moved to approve the Resolution of Approval for the plat of Lot 1 of Tract 1, Sunnyside Addition. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License**

The council considered the application for a one-day alcoholic beverage license submitted by the following:

One day alcohol license for Saturday, October 26, 2024

Application of:	Location of:
Freeman Athletic Association	Freeman Community Center
	224 S Wipf Street
	Freeman, SD 57029

No persons were at the meeting to show rejection of this application. Saarie moved to approve the one-day alcohol license for Saturday, October 26, 2024. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

### **Promoting the City Write-off**

Edelman presented a write off for a promoting the city loan through the City of Freeman. The applicant filed bankruptcy and the city can no longer collect on this loan. Tjaden moved to approve the write off of the promoting the city loan #5 in the amount of \$12,224.22. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

### **Other Business**

Tjaden: Asked Walters to look at repairing the sidewalk along 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Gering: Informed the council that the flow valve at the lagoon has been replaced.

S. Waltner: Reported that the city received the grant for trees at the golf course and parks. Asked if the city has sand bags available for residents. It was stated that there are sand bags available, but the resident will need to get the sand and fill them if needed.

E. Waltner: Asked if the garbage route near the school during morning drop off can be adjusted. Also asked if the diagonal parking on Walnut Street could be changed to parallel parking so the street is not as narrow.

Saarie: Informed the group that the administrative assistant will become a notary. Asked about cleaning the ditch on Cedar Street.

Walters: Reported that he has been watching for flooding and making sure everything is open for drainage. Informed the council that the garbage truck needs a new solenoid.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Saarie moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm. S. Waltner seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor