

Council Minutes

Regular Session

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm at City Hall in Freeman. Mayor Michael Walter called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Tabitha Schoenwald, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Duane Walters, Carol Eisenbeis, Scott Brewer, Josh Andersen and Terri Behl.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2023 regular meeting, the January 30, 2023 special meeting and the January 31, 2023 special meeting 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.

PAYROLL – COUNCIL	6300.00	CORE & MAIN, repair	6113.05
PAYROLL – FINANCE	2819.24	FENSEL’S ELECTRIC, supplies	320.08
PAYROLL – MARKETING	3541.46	FINK LAW OFFICE, attorney fees	450.57
PAYROLL – GOVERNMENT BUILDING	189.50	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	964.60
PAYROLL – POLICE	9376.83	HUTCHINSON CO TREASURER, taxes	206.66
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	100.75	JASMINE LOOS, deposit refund	200.00
PAYROLL – STREETS	1099.08	KNIFE RIVER, deicing sand	2161.53
PAYROLL – SEWER	2538.69	KOERNER CONSTRUCTION, haul snow	318.87
PAYROLL – REFUSE	4055.87	LAMB MOTOR CO, police pickup	44597.00
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	2499.05	MAGUIRE IRON, water tower contract	49543.00
PAYROLL – WATER	7452.65	MATHESON, amb supplies	84.49
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	4951.99	MR G’S, repair	160.00
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	174.85	NAPA, supplies	137.07
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	3070.44	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	10816.29
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	7118.42	OVERDRIVE, subscription	600.00
PAYROLL – COMMUNITY CENTER	310.50	PITNEY BOWES, postage	300.00
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	10439.44	PLUNKETT’S, pest control	95.70
SD RETIREMENT	5271.36	R & R PRODUCTS, repair	896.01
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	30.00	ROBERT HUBER, reimbursement	38.09
APPEARA, rugs	113.06	RURAL MFG, repair	21.02
BROOKINGS AREA TRANSIT, donation	10000.00	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	1254.96
B-Y WATER, water purchase	5425.08	SD ASSOC OF RURLA WATER, annual dues	590.00
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	1070.42
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	13318.66	SECOND CENTURY PRINTING, publishing	260.61
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	1155.22	SIoux INTERNATIONAL, repair	59.82
CAROL EISENBEIS, reimbursement	1356.75	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electricity	2328.51
CHS, fuel	1807.26	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	44.00	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	2677.04
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	3146.40	TOTAL STOP, fuel	1284.14
CMC EXCAVATION, repair	5724.50	VERIZON, police cell phone	93.66

VOUCHERS	192601.73
SALARIES	55599.32
TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	248201.05

Financial Report

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

Charles Gering entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Fire Department Annual Report

Fire Chief Josh Andersen presented the fire department annual report to the council. He informed the council that there are 35 fire fighters on the roster, which is the maximum allowed according the fire department bylaws.

S. Waltner moved to accept the fire department roster for insurance purposes. Schoenwald seconded the motion.

Roll call: all votes aye.

Snow Removal

Terri Behl inquired what the snow removal plan was for the large amounts of snow in her area of town. She informed the council that she is trying to be proactive by removing the snow piles from her property, but would like to know the City's plan for the snow piles in the drainage areas. Duane Walters stated that the city workers are aware of the problem areas, but do not want to remove the snow too early in order to keep the ground from freezing. If the ground does not freeze solid the moisture will soak into the ground rather than needing to drain somewhere.

Wastewater Hire

S. Waltner moved to hire Wade Rupp at \$23.00/hour with proof of CDL plus \$1.00/hour increase upon completion of each wastewater certification. Gering seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Annual Audit

Tjaden moved to hire Schoenfish & Co. to do the annual audit not to exceed \$10,000.00. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Other Business

Tjaden: Informed the group that Dakota Protein Solutions have inspected the wells and found them to be in good condition. They are now working on a route for the piping from the water tower to their facility.

Brewer: Stated that the police pickup will be delivered later this week.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

S. Waltner moved to adjourn at 6:56 pm. E. Waltner seconded motion. All votes aye.