

Council Minutes

Regular Session

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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: Charles Gering, Tabitha Schoenwald, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Administrative Assistant Lisa Jensen, Duane Walters, Carol Eisenbeis, Scott Brewer, Todd Graber and Chad Rembold.

Minutes

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

Vouchers

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

PAYROLL – FINANCE	2819.24	FINK LAW OFFICE, attorney fees	258.65
PAYROLL – MARKETING	3541.46	FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, supplies	150.83
PAYROLL – GOVERNMENT BUILDING	239.00	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	966.97
PAYROLL – POLICE	9320.20	HUTCHINSON CO TREASURER, license plate	24.20
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	96.88	JAMBOREE, supplies	11.98
PAYROLL – STREETS	799.54	KNODEL CONTRACTORS, tree removal	1920.00
PAYROLL – SEWER	2500.81	KOERNER CONSTRUCTION, haul snow	255.10
PAYROLL – REFUSE	3753.78	MATHESON, amb supplies	77.47
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	2568.11	MILLER CONSULTING, computer repair	1271.50
PAYROLL – WATER	6540.22	MR G’S, repair	216.70
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	5182.17	NAPA, supplies	71.80
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	164.21	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	9162.61
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	3019.55	ONE OFFICE, supplies	23.74
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	7062.79	PITNEY BOWES, postage	301.50
PAYROLL – COMMUNITY CENTER	261.00	PLUNKETT’S, pest control	95.70
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	8889.40	RURAL MFG, repair	37.67
SD RETIREMENT	5164.34	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	1470.67
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	30.00	SANITATION PRODUCTS, repair	49.75
APPEARA, rugs	113.06	SD DEPT OF HEALTH, testing	30.00
B-Y WATER, water purchase	5444.96	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	542.00
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	1010.59
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	1736.31	SDML, district meeting	25.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	2158.46	SECOND CENTURY PRINTING, publishing	423.90
CHS, fuel	2622.28	SIOUX INTERNATIONAL, repair	199.65
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	44.00	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	2705.67
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	2673.60	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
CORE & MAIN, repair	1960.00	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	3631.13
DAKOTA FLUID POWER, plow repair	2200.69	TOTAL STOP, fuel	888.76
EQUIPMENT BLADES, repair	2179.26	ZIMCO, supplies	2700.00
FENSEL’S ELECTRIC, supplies	386.74		

VOUCHERS	67329.64
SALARIES	47868.96
TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	115198.60

Financial Report

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

Golf Equipment

The golf course committee recommended the purchase of a 2007 Jacobson batwing mower, through the Wieman bid to buy auction. Todd Graber also updated the council on a rate comparison with some of the local courses. Rates will be discussed further at the next council meeting.

Clothing Allowance

S. Waltner moved to set the clothing allowance, for full-time outdoor city workers at 50-50% with a maximum of \$250.00. Gering seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

AARP Grant

E. Waltner moved to allow the Freeman Community Development Corporation to apply for a grant to purchase benches to be placed on city property at no cost to the City of Freeman. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Other Business

Elizabeth Waltner inquired about when the new street signs would be installed.

Next Meeting Date

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

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:08 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.

S. Waltner declared out of executive session at 7:32 pm.

Adjournment

S. Waltner moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Schoenwald seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Jensen, Administrative Assistant

Michael Walter, Mayor