

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, April 16, 2024

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 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, Blaine Saarie, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Jay Slevin, Duane Walters, Cheryl Gering, Erin Lachman, Gary Tschetter and Terry Jacobsen.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2024 regular meeting as presented. E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

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

A & B BUSINESS, copy fees	66.37	OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	39.95
AFLAC, employee insurance	575.02	PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE, resale	1941.67
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	73.18	REPUBLIC NATIONAL, liquor	443.09
CHESTERMAN, drinks for resale	323.50	RIVERSIDE HYDRUALICS, repair	58.76
CUMMINS SALES, repair	2536.92	RORY HERMSEN, reimbursement	315.98
FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	37.50	SD 811, locates	17.85
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, resale	1287.12	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	194.00
HERITAGE PHARMACY, supplies	130.54	SD RETIREMENT	5582.86
KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER, garnishment	338.76	STEVE WALTNER, t-posts	525.00
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES	408.74	THE DESIGN TAB, printing	125.00
MIDWEST ALARM, quarterly monitoring	128.11	TOTAL STOP, fuel	2152.24
MOTOROLA, police radios	19570.32	WELLMARK, health insurance	14289.98
		VOUCHER TOTAL	51162.46

Public Input

Cheryl Gering informed the council of numerous places of vandalism in Lions Park and wanted to be sure this was documented and cleaned up.

Board of Adjustment

Tjaden moved to go into Board of Adjustment at 6:32 pm. S. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye. The Council was declared in session as Board of Adjustment.

Variance Request – 605 S Cherry Street

The Board of Adjustment reviewed the application of a variance filed by Gary Tschetter for an addition with a 24’ front yard setback instead of the required front yard setback of 25’.

In order for a variance to be approved, the board shall base its findings on evidence presented in the application, comments received from adjacent property owners and to make an affirmative decision, it must determine that the proposed variance will meet the following conditions:

- a) Denial of the variance would result in hardship to the property owner due to physical characteristics of the site;
- b) The conditions upon which an application for a variance is based are unique to the property for which the variance is sought;
- c) The petition for a variance is not based exclusively upon a desire to increase the value or income potential of the property;
- d) The granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to the other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located; and
- e) The proposed variance will not jeopardize the intent and general and specific purposes of the variance ordinance.

Upon finding that the above conditions have been met, Tjaden moved for the Board of Adjustment to approve the variance of the property located at 605 S Cherry Street, City of Freeman for a 24' front yard setback. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call votes aye: Gering, Saarie, Tjaden, E. Waltner and S. Waltner. No votes: none. Motion carries 5-0.

Tjaden declared the Board of Adjustment adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Canvass of Election

Tjaden moved to certify the results of the April 9, 2024 municipal election. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye, Gering abstained from voting.

Mayor, Two-year term

188 votes	Cody Fransen
190 votes	Michael D. Walter

Council member Ward I, Two-year term

89 votes	Erin Lachman
43 votes	Charles Gering

Council member Ward III, Two-year term

76 votes	Terry Jacobsen
45 votes	Shelly A. Wanninger

BATA

Saarie updated the council on the fundraising efforts for the BATA building project. He stated that most organizations need to present to their boards before committing any funding. S. Waltner moved to make a commitment of \$34,000 to the BATA building project if needed with any other fundraising efforts to be deducted from this commitment. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Other Business

E. Waltner: Informed the group that there was a meeting regarding the community center usage and a plan will be presented at a later meeting.

Walters: Asked if a notification could go out about sump pumps pumping into the city sewer system. Informed the council that the parks will be opened up soon and he would like some notice on when to begin taking down the building across the street from city hall.

S. Waltner: Stated that a tree will be planted in the park on April 26 for Arbor Day with students from both schools.

Saarie: Showed pictures of the Main Street project repairs. Complemented Sayre Engineers on making sure the repairs were completed correctly.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:11 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye.

E. Waltner declared out of executive session at 7:28 pm.

Hire Pool Personnel

S. Waltner moved to hire the following lifeguards: Ava Andersen at \$15.00/hour, Cami Fransen at \$15.00/hour, Kaytlin Pankratz at \$14.00/hour and Riley Knittel at \$14.00/hour as seasonal swimming pool personnel for the 2024 season and to hire Ashlin Jacobsen as pool manager at \$14.50/hour plus concessions. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Adjournment

S. Waltner moved to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Saarie seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Blaine Saarie, President