

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 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, Tabitha Schoenwald, Clifford Tjaden, Elizabeth Waltner and Steve Waltner. Also attending were Finance Officer Lisa Edelman, Scott Brewer, Duane Walters and Carol Eisenbeis, Matt Rigo, Courtney Unruh, Brett Brockmueller and Jay Slevin.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the May 2, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

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

AFLAC, employee insurance	459.92	LOISEAU CONSTRUCTION, street grinding	11725.00
AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS, maintenance	479.00	MARC, supplies	108.71
AVERA OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, dot testing	107.50	M C & R POOLS, filter	2690.00
BEAL DISTRIBUTING, beer	545.30	OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	37.28
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	228.91	PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE, resale	2496.24
CHESTERMAN COMPANY, drinks	230.00	PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES, clothing	127.38
DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	253.80	PORTA PROS, portable toilet rental	155.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS, repair	704.59	RORY HERMSEN, reimbursement	711.23
FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	1220.76	SDGA, membership dues	59.00
FREEMAN LUMBER, supplies	33.00	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	2093.32
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, supplies	1242.46	TESSIER'S, repair	3894.56
GRAPHIC EDGE, resale	667.27	TOTAL STOP, fuel	844.42
JEBRO, street repair	666.00	VINTAGE VAULT, flowers	64.78
JOHNSON BROS, liquor	524.44	WELLMARK, health insurance	16167.27
KEPPS, resale	608.00	ZIMCO, supplies	11465.00
LANCE EDWARDS, tree	298.19		
		VOUCHER TOTAL	60908.33

Ambulance Report

Matt Rigo gave the council the ambulance report for 2022. He updated the group on the what is happening in the state with rural EMS services along with the upgrades the state agencies will be offering the ambulance service.

Rigo asked for some clarification regarding the EMT reimbursement for the initial training to become an EMT. Saarie moved to offer 100% EMT training reimbursement after 1 year of active service with approval from the ambulance chief. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Rigo also presented a proposal to order a 2024 Ford E450 chassis to remount the box from the 2009 Lifeline chassis. Tjaden moved to approve to send a down payment to Arrow Mfg. in the amount of \$5000.00 for a 2024 Ford E450 chassis. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

June 14 Community Event

Brett Brockmueller representing the Freeman Community Development Corporation informed the council that the group is planning to host events this summer that will showcase the Farmers Market area as well as the Main Street area of Freeman. They are requesting permission to close Main Street on June 14 from 3rd to Railway for this event. S. Waltner moved to allow Main Street between 3rd St and Railway to be closed from 5-9 on June 14, 2023. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

2nd Reading Ordinance 2023-01– Supplemental Budget

Tjaden moved to give 2nd reading and adopt Ordinance 2023-01 to supplement the street, police, golf course and pool departments. E. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE 2023-01

An Ordinance providing for the Appropriations to Supplement the Street department, Police department, Golf Course department and Pool department.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Freeman, Hutchinson County, South Dakota, that the following sums are supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

Section I: Appropriations:

#101 General Fund:

Streets 43100

4220 Professional Services \$ 54,000.00

Police 42100

4340 Equipment \$ 44,600.00

Golf Course 45100

4250 Repair \$ 13,000.00

4340 Equipment \$ 20,200.00

Pool 45000

4340 Equipment \$ 5,700.00

Total Appropriations: \$ 137,500.00

Section II: Source of Funding:

#101 General Fund:

1010 Unassigned Fund Balance \$ 137,500.00

Total Sources of Funding: \$ 137,500.00

SIGNED: _____

Michael Walter, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

First Reading: May 2, 2023

Second Reading: May 16, 2023

Publish: May 25, 2023

GPS Mapping

A quote was presented to the council for the purchase of equipment needed for the mapping of water shutoffs, water/sewer lines, manholes, etc. Once the equipment is received, District III will set up a program for the City of Freeman and train the city maintenance workers on the program. S. Waltner moved to purchase the equipment needed for the GPS mapping. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Pavement markings

Price quotes were received from Sayre Associates for pavement markings on Main Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street and 6th Street. Saarie moved to accept the low quote from Construction Signing Corporation in the amount of \$10,437.00. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Building Removal

A quote was received from Knodel Contractors to remove a house and building along Cedar Street. Much discussion was held on the feasibility of repairing the storage building and moving it or tearing it down. Saarie moved to hire Knodel Contractors to remove the house and storage building for \$13,500.00. Schoenwald seconded the motion. Roll call aye votes: Saarie, Schoenwald, Tjaden, E. Waltner and S. Waltner. No votes: Gering. Motion carries 5-1.

Marketing & Development Report

The marketing & development report was given to the council.

Other Business

Saarie: Asked for clarification on how long campers are permitted to stay at the campground. He was advised that campers were allowed to stay for 2 weeks unless getting prior approval from the city council.

Walters: Informed the council that the Westward View area will be seeded on Thursday.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, June 6, 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. E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Gering declared out of executive session at 8:11 pm.

S. Waltner moved to advertise for a part-time recycle/rubble site operator. E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Saarie moved to hire Margaret Atkins as seasonal golf personnel for the 2023 season at an hourly rate of \$12.60. Schoenwald seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Adjournment

E. Waltner moved to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Saarie seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor