

**Council Minutes**  
**Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 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, Duane Walters, Carol Eisenbeis, Jay Slevin, John Munkvold, Andrea Baer, Mike McCue, Anna Martinez and Carrie Klein.

**Minutes**

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Vouchers**

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

PAYROLL – FINANCE	2819.24	FIRST BANK & TRUST, Main St pmt	196766.67
PAYROLL – MARKETING	3541.46	FIRST NET, police cell phone	106.80
PAYROLL – GOVERNMENT BUILDING	216.50	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	1239.54
PAYROLL – POLICE	8820.42	HAWKINS, pool supplies	3309.82
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	170.50	HUTCHINSON CONSERVATION, trees/seed	1746.40
PAYROLL – STREETS	2081.66	JAMBOREE, supplies	835.09
PAYROLL – SEWER	5866.81	JEBRO, liquid asphalt	729.00
PAYROLL – REFUSE	4744.75	LAWNS UNLIMITED, spraying	181.12
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	2945.66	LANCE EDWARDS, trees	362.68
PAYROLL – WATER	6513.18	MATHESON, amb supplies	84.49
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	5443.55	M C & R POOLS, pump	2456.61
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	1278.55	MILLER CONSULTING, computer software	1047.50
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	13308.92	MR G’S, repair	869.85
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	7189.00	NAPA, repair	659.92
PAYROLL – COMMUNITY CENTER	297.00	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	7044.00
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	12181.24	PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE, resale	5374.68
SD RETIREMENT	6209.68	PITNEY BOWES, postage	600.00
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	40.00	PLUNKETT’S, pest control	95.70
APPEARA, rugs	226.12	R & R PRODUCTS, repair	819.35
ARROW MFG, chassis down pmt	5000.00	RITEWAY, checks	197.48
BARNES & NOBLE, library books	85.54	RORY HERMSEN, resale	1104.26
BEAL, beer	170.90	RURAL MFG, repair	290.54
B-Y WATER, water purchase	8482.43	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	424.76
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SD DEPT OF HEALTH, testing	88.00
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	4507.39	SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, license renew	240.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	3551.60	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	6302.45
CHS, fuel	2568.29	SECOND CENTURY PRINTING, publishing	698.93
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	43.50	SIOUX INTERNATIONAL, repair	199.65
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	3746.40	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	2106.53
D & D SMALL ENGINE, repair	13.63	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	319.60	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	1445.87
DAKOTA PUMP, repair	862.65	TOTAL STOP, fuel	1040.10
DAVE HUBER FARMS, cultivate Westside View	575.00	TURKEY RIDGE HUBCAP STORE, equipment	2450.00
EAST RIVER, golf course sign	6579.00	USPS, box rent	80.00
FEDEX, shipping	17.68	VINTAGE VAULT, flowers	49.15
FENSEL’S ELECTRIC, supplies	931.03	WEIDENBACH, concrete	182.00
FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	428.04	ZIMCO, chemical	309.37
		VOUCHERS	301281.03
		SALARIES	65237.20
		TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	366518.23

**Financial Report**

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

**Public Input**

John Munkvold asked the council to waive the dumping fees for a house he is tearing down on Well Street. S. Waltner moved to waive the tipping fees for a house removal on Well Street. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Mike McCue requested additional stop signs be placed along the curve between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. He is requesting these additional signs due to safety for the kids in the area. Mayor Walter will look at the intersection and make a recommendation this week.

**Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License – SD Chislic Festival**

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

One day on-sale alcoholic beverage license for Saturday, July 29, 2023

Application of:	Location of:
South Dakota Chislic Festival	Prairie Arboretum
PO Box 645	748 S Main Street
Freeman, SD 57029	Freeman, SD 57029

No persons were at the meeting to show rejection of this application. Saarie moved to approve the one day malt beverage license for beer only for Saturday, July 29, 2023. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License – Valiant Vineyards, Inc.**

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

One day on/off-sale alcoholic beverage license for Saturday, July 29, 2023

Application of:	Location of:
Valiant Vineyards, Inc.	Prairie Arboretum
1500 W Main St	748 S Main Street
Vermillion, SD 57069	Freeman, SD 57029

No persons were at the meeting to show rejection of this application. Tjaden moved to approve the one day alcoholic beverage license for Saturday, July 29, 2023. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**District III Joint Cooperative Agreement**

S. Waltner moved to approve the Joint Cooperative Agreement with District III and to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Recycle Trailers**

S. Waltner presented a quote for a 5’ x 8’ enclosed trailer with 78” walls for \$4430. Saarie moved to purchase 2 5’x 8’ enclosed trailers from Yankton Trailers at the price of \$4430 each. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

**Golf Carts**

Mayor Walter informed the group that according to state law it is illegal to drive a golf cart on city streets if there is not a city ordinance allowing it. This will be included on the next agenda for further discussion.

**Pool Personnel**

Schoenwald moved to hire Ashton Massey, Kaelie Derby, Lauren Schoenfish and Zenovia Butler at \$12.00/hour as seasonal swimming pool personnel for the 2023 season. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye.

**Other Business**

S. Waltner: Informed the council that the building needs to get set up at the rubble site. Also, the sign and electronics trailer need to be in place by June 16.

Saarie: Stated that the Main Street lights were involved in a traffic situation and were damaged. New lights were ordered and should be here in July. Asked if a committee should be formed to review and clean up the city's ordinances.

Walters: Updated the council on why the lagoon cleaning has not been done. Benders have been contacted and they are waiting for the lagoon to be discharged. This can not be completed until a clean sample is received from the state so it is environmentally safe to discharge.

Slevin: Informed the group that he is exploring possibilities to purchase goggles that will simulate intoxication in order to start up some community learning projects with the school. Also asked some questions regarding camping limits at the park.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

### **Executive Session**

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:50 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

S. Waltner declared out of executive session at 8:45 pm.

Saarie moved to hire John Weier for recycling/rubble operator at \$14.50/hour. S. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

### **Adjournment**

Gering moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Saarie seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor