

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 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 Carol Eisenbeis, Merton Schmidt, Police Chief Jonathan Slevin, Duane Walters and Wade Rupp.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

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

PAYROLL – COUNCIL	6300.00	DAKOTA PUMP, repair	1932.55
PAYROLL – FINANCE	2819.24	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, supp	259.06
PAYROLL – MARKETING	3541.46	FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	172.53
PAYROLL – GOVERNMENT BUILDING	108.50	FIRST NET, police cell phone	106.72
PAYROLL – POLICE	5925.20	FREEMAN SUMMER REC, contribution	3500.00
PAYROLL – PUBLIC SAFETY	96.10	GOLDEN WEST, telephone service	1294.18
PAYROLL – STREETS	2074.39	HAWKINS, pool supplies	1605.00
PAYROLL – SEWER	6253.07	JAMBOREE, supplies	437.90
PAYROLL – REFUSE	5341.08	JODI NEUGEBAUER, water deposit refund	200.00
PAYROLL – RECYCLE	2777.89	JOHNSON BROS, liquor	499.50
PAYROLL – WATER	6501.04	LAWNS UNLIMITED, seeding	14000.00
PAYROLL – AMBULANCE	3022.78	MICHAEL WALTER, golf supplies	252.90
PAYROLL – PARK/POOL	14627.78	MR G’S, repair	268.00
PAYROLL – GOLF COURSE	15152.74	NORMS, supplies	19.29
PAYROLL – LIBRARY	6873.16	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY, electric & gas	8859.00
PAYROLL – COMMUNITY CENTER	40.50	ONE OFFICE, supplies	102.66
MERCHANTS STATE BANK, 941 deposit	14755.02	PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE, resale	2845.37
SD RETIREMENT	5673.52	PITNEY BOWES, postage	800.00
ACH FEES, payroll & utilities	30.00	PITNEY BOWES, lease	165.54
ACUSHNET, resale	143.62	R & R PRODUCTS, repair	204.20
APPEARA, rugs	113.06	RORY HERMSEN, resale	635.53
BEAL, beer	902.30	SAARIE AUTO BODY, repair	1062.73
B-Y WATER INTEREST	3168.00	SD DEPT OF HEALTH, testing	207.00
C & B OPERATIONS, repair	113.83	SD DEPT OF REVENUE, sales tax	5723.37
CARDMEMBER SERVICES, supplies	3478.42	SECOND CENTURY PRINTING, publishing	503.12
CHS, fuel	2529.02	SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC, electric	3209.82
CITY OF FREEMAN, utilities	43.50	SQUARE, monthly subscription	35.00
CITY OF MITCHELL LANDFILL, garbage fees	3478.56	STERN OIL COMPANY, fuel	1263.01
CLIA LABORATORY, ambulance certificate	180.00	THE DESIGN TAB, permits	150.00
CORE & MAIN, repair	33.72	VALLEY ELECTRIC, repair	2433.05
DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	340.40	WEIDENBACH, concrete	9373.88
		VOUCHERS	97103.88
		SALARIES	81454.93
		TOTAL VOUCHERS & SALARIES	178558.81

Financial Report

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

Public Input

Merton Schmidt noted issues with speeding motorists on Poplar Street between Fifth and Seventh Streets and inquired about speed bumps. The council suggested additional patrolling and moving of the speed trailer to various spots in town to encourage motorists to reduce speed.

Bid Opening – Sewer Lining

No bids were received.

Bid Opening – Street Paving

The following bids were received, opened and announced by Mayor Walter during the meeting:

- Blacktop Paving with cost breakdowns of \$135,375 and \$154,358.50 for a total bid of \$289,733.50.
- Double H Paving with a mobilization fee of \$6,750 and paving cost of \$158,460 for a total of \$165,210.

Gering moved to accept the bid from Double H Paving in the amount of \$165,210 for street paving. Second by Saarie. Roll call: All votes aye.

Clubhouse personnel

S. Waltner moved to hire Shelly Wanninger as seasonal clubhouse employee at \$12.60/hour. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Kate Miller will continue as a seasonal employee, transitioning from the swimming pool to the clubhouse.

Other Business

Gering: Asked when decal labels will be placed on police vehicle. Saarie will make a follow-up call.

Schoenwald: Last day of the swimming pool for the 2023 season will be August 13 due to staffing shortages during the Turner County Fair. Exploring an end-of-season “Dog Day” at the pool. On a separate note, Schoenwald inquired about a metallic taste she’s recently noticed in her drinking water.

E. Waltner: Noted sitting water in culvert at Third & Poplar. Asked if sand volleyball court could be tended to before FireHouse Rib Cook-Off.

Saarie: Announced that Main Street light poles are again in transit.

Walters: Noted plans to arrange for a sewer sample and emergency discharge of northwest pond in mid-August.

Slevin: Reported on his work and costs for laptop and docking station. Concurred that the Neighborhood Watch group is its own entity, separate from the city.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 6:55 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1). E. Waltner seconded the motion. All votes aye.

S. Waltner declared out of executive session at 7:39 pm.

S. Waltner moved to raise salary of Chief Jonathan Slevin to \$25/hour effective retroactively to July 18. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call: All votes aye.

Adjournment

Tjaden moved to adjourn at 7:41 pm. S. Waltner seconded motion. All votes aye.