

Council Minutes
Regular Session
Tuesday, September 19, 2023

The Freeman City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 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, Wade Rupp and Jay Slevin.

Minutes

S. Waltner moved to accept the minutes of the September 5, 2023 regular meeting and September 12, 2023 special meeting as presented. Schoenwald seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Vouchers

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

AFLAC, employee insurance	384.12	NICOLLE TIMMERMAN, lifeguard reimb	106.50
BEAL DISTRIBUTING, beer	418.05	OFFICE ALLY, monthly subscription	45.00
CAMI FRANSEN, lifeguard reimb	241.04	ONE OFFICE, supplies	123.13
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, copy fees	168.64	PERFORMANCE FOOD SERVICE, resale	6387.80
CHESTERMAN COMPANY, drinks	299.00	PEYTON MCCUNE, lifeguard reimb	87.50
DAKOTA BEVERAGE, beer	414.25	SCHOENFISH & CO, annual audit	10000.00
ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, sewer testing	875.00	REEL SHARP, aerator	1250.00
FINK LAW OFFICE, legal	798.34	RORY HERMSEN, reimbursement	230.93
FREEMAN SHOPPING CENTER, resale	1790.51	SD RETIREMENT	6090.32
JEBRO, oil	720.00	SPECIALTY AUTOMOTIVE, repair	64.05
JOHNSON BROS, liquor	670.07	STERN OIL, fuel	910.28
KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER, garnishment	338.76	TOTAL STOP, fuel	2166.38
MIDWEST RADAR, certification	82.00	VALLEY ELECTRIC, repair	270.41
NATHAN SCHRAG, golf league dues	1170.00	WELLMARK, health insurance	15198.47
NB GOLF, repair	167.82	YANKTON TRAILERS, recycle trailers	8980.00
		VOUCHER TOTAL	60448.37

Board of Adjustments

S. Waltner moved that the Freeman City Council go into Board of Adjustment at 6:31 pm. Tjaden seconded the motion. All votes aye. The Council was declared in session as Board of Adjustment.

Conditional Use Request – 1001 E 6th St

The Board of Adjustment reviewed the application of a conditional use filed by Tri-State Welding and Metal Fabrication LLC to construct a detention pond to control flooding.

In order for a conditional use permit 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 conditional use will meet the following standards:

- a) It will in no way endanger public health, safety, comfort, and general welfare;
- b) It will not be injurious to the enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity;
- c) The establishment of the conditional use will not impede the orderly development and improvement of other nearby property for the uses permitted in the district;
- d) Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and other necessary site improvements have been or are being provided;
- e) Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion and traffic hazards on public streets; and
- f) It will conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is to be located.

Upon finding that the above conditions have been met, Saarie moved for the Board of Adjustments to approve the conditional use of the property located at 1001 E 6th St, City of Freeman to construct a detention pond to control flooding. Tjaden seconded the motion. Roll call votes aye: Gering, Saarie, Schoenwald, Tjaden, E. Waltner, S. Waltner and Walter. No votes: none. Motion carries 7-0.

S. Waltner declared the Board of Adjustment adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License

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

One day on-sale malt beverage license for Saturday, November 4, 2023

Application of:	Location of:
Freeman Fire Department	Freeman Community Center 224 N Wipf Street Freeman, SD 57029

No persons were at the meeting to show rejection of this application. Tjaden moved to approve the one-day malt beverage license for Saturday, November 4, 2023. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Administrative Assistant Hire

Saarie moved to hire Rebecca Albrecht for administrative assistant at \$18.75/hour beginning October 2, 2023. S. Waltner seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Audit Report

Tjaden moved to accept the 2022 audit report as presented. Saarie seconded the motion. Roll call: all votes aye.

Marketing & Development Report

The marketing & development report was given to the council.

Other Business

Tjaden: Asked when the police car equipment would be removed so it can be sold. He would also like to have council approval before employees attend any conferences in the future.

S. Waltner: Informed the council that the recycle trailers have been delivered. Asked about the follow up for the tree trimming letters that were delivered. Chief Slevin said they were planning to do follow up yet this week.

E. Waltner: Asked about the trees in the park with the white "x" – they will be removed. Stated that a place is still needed for the sand for this winter. Saarie suggested using the large blocks like out at Weidenbach Concrete.

Saarie: Asked about access for the new storage facility that is being constructed. Requested that the police look into bicycles riding on the sidewalks on Main Street. It was stated that the only sidewalk that bikes are allowed to be on is the bike trail along 6th Street.

Rupp: Updated the council on the lagoon project – Bender's will start the beginning of October.

Walter: Informed the council that the golf course board did not recommend keeping the Fringe open through the winter, so the tentative closing date will be November 1.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Freeman City Council will take place on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Executive Session

S. Waltner moved to go into Executive Session at 7:00 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) personnel. Schoenwald seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Gering declared out of executive session at 7:33 pm.

Adjournment

Tjaden moved to adjourn at 7:33 pm. Saarie seconded motion. All votes aye.

Lisa Edelman, Finance Officer

Michael Walter, Mayor