

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Greene Community Center with Mayor William Christensen presiding. Council members present were Marilyn Folkers, Al Zweck, Denise Shreve, Marnie Schmidt and Ben Backer. Also present were Al Schroeder, Rustin Lingbeek, Scott Miller, Ed Corwin, Deb White, Bev Schuknecht, Logan and Neal Nordmeyer and Andrea Gotto.

Motion by Folkers/Shreve to approve the agenda. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Zweck/Schmidt to approve the Oct. 14th minutes with correction to show that Schmidt voted AYE to the motion for employees to pay 8% of the health insurance renewal premiums. Previous minutes show that she had voted NAY. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Rustin Lingbeek, Short Elliott Hendrickson, presented pay request #8. Motion by Zweck/Shreve to approve the pay request. Roll call, all ayes. MC. Rustin also updated the Council to the progress of the lagoon. Sludge has all been removed, they are working on 1 liner yet. Electrical work is almost complete. Cell #1 should be online and running by the end of the week. One SAGR is still leaking. Weekly progress meetings are being held with the contractor.

Mayor stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to close the 400 block of South First Street between Nassau Ave and East South Street. There were no written comments. Neal Nordmeyer stated he was against the closure. Both he and his son have property that abuts the street and have concerns regarding access to the property. He also has concerns regarding the bus route. Currently the bus goes down South First Street and then proceeds north on South Second Street where there are two daycare stops. Neal doesn't think it would be safe for the bus to have to make a U-turn at the end of South Second street. Bev Schuknecht also stated she didn't think the closure was really necessary. The hearing was closed. A motion was not made to close this section of the street. The street will remain open.

The Mayor stated that this was the time and place for a public hearing to vacate a section of Greene Street beginning at the alley to the West of South Main Street to the intersection of Greene Street and East South Street. There was one written comment from Hollie Jepperson. Ms. Jepperson is against the closure. She feels the flooding will continue, East South Street and South Main Street are 'rough' streets and is concerned about emergency services taking longer to get to South Main residents. There were no other written comments or oral comments from residents. The hearing was closed. A resolution will be discussed once a survey has been completed on the adjacent properties.

Neal Nordmeyer is requesting permission to spend approximately \$10,000 on budgeted fire equipment such as turn-out gear, boots, gloves and hoses. Motion by Backer/Folkers to approve the expenditure. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Contract with Calhoun-Burns has been tabled until we hear from City Attorney.

Motion by Zweck/Schmidt to hire Mick Gauge to winterize the old elementary building at a cost of approx. \$8000. This will save the City from paying utilities on that property over the winter. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Request from Louis Nixt to participate in an insurance program with Washington National was tabled. The Council would like Mr. Nixt to attend a Council meeting with more details.

Folkers introduced Resolution 2019-22, A RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES/WAGES FOR APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GREENE, IOWA FOR THE JULY 1, 2019 THRU JUNE 30, 2020 FISCAL YEAR increasing Tom Johnson's wages to \$14.00/hr. for maintenance/cleaning and managing the Community Center's bar. Seconded by Zweck. Roll was called and the vote was AYES: Folkers, Zweck, Schmidt, Backer and Shreve. NAYS: None. MC

WHEREUPON the Mayor declared Resolution 2019-22 duly adopted. (Mayor's signature affixed and made a permanent part of these minutes.)

Motion by Folkers/Shreve to approve a Class B Native Wine Permit with Living Quarters for Smith's Etc. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Nuisance issues were discussed. Motion by Schmidt/Zweck to set Tuesday, November 26th at 5:00 p.m. for a special meeting to discuss 657A properties. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Zweck/Shreve to approve the claims. Roll call, all ayes. MC

Motion by Folkers/Schmidt to adjourn at 6:40.

Signed: _____
William Christensen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jayne Knapp, City Clerk