

OCTOBER 14th, 2024

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Monday October 14th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Greene Community Center with Mayor Warren Van Dyke presiding. Council members present were Audrey Smith, Marnie Schmidt, Al Zweck, Rodney Fesenmeyer, Vicky Malfero. Also present were Lyndsie Pitzenberger, Marilyn Folkers, Kari Coates, Deb White, Pat Derdzinski, Al Schroeder, Sara Wiegman, Roger Van Etten, Dawn Van Etten, and Carlos Cavrera.

Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Fesenmeyer to approve Agenda. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Malfero/seconded by Zweck to approve Minutes of September 9, 2024. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmyer, Malfero, Schmidt, Zweck. Carried

Kari Coates, Butler County EMS Coordinator spoke to the council and public about a tax levy the Butler County EMS will be having on the ballot on November 5th. This is a \$0.14 per \$1000 taxable value levy. Along with a state tax income levy. They are hoping to gain roughly \$150,000 for hiring two part time EMTs, another Butler County EMS vehicle and training expenses throughout Butler County.

Mayor's Update:

- The mayor spoke to every town in Butler County in regards to using Zoom for their Council meetings. Which none of them use Zoom. It would cost the city approximately \$30.00 every month plus website fees. The Council will discuss this further at the next council meeting.
- The city has been awarded a DNR Derelict grant to remove the asbestos in the old elementary building. This grant will pay for the total removal. The asbestos will be removed sometime this winter. There is a organization out of Des Moines that is wanting to reconstruct and remodel the old elementary into apartments.
- The nursing home is expected to open mid-December as long as the renovations stay on track.
- The swimming pool report was presented to the council. The mayor would like the council along with pool board to brainstorm on ways to cut back and save. The City is having to spend more and more every year, which puts a big dent in the city's general revenue fund. Last year cost the city \$36,724.285 and this year it cost the city \$46,250.56.

Moved Schmidt/seconded Zweck to appoint Joy Anderson to the Pool Board. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Al Schroeder spoke to the council on receiving \$1,500 compensation for being the Certified Pool Operator. The council informed Al that they made the decision last year to include the CPO position into the Maintenance position. This will also be discussed at the November meeting.

Moved Fesenmeyer/seconded Smith to approve purchasing tires for the F-250 truck and dump truck for a total of \$3,800.00. (Budgeted for this fiscal year) Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Fesenmeyer/seconded Malfero to purchase tires for the 1277 Fire Truck-\$2,500, Turnout gear -\$12,000, Airpack bottles -\$2,800. (Budgeted this fiscal year, along with a DNR Forestry Grant) Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Moved Zweck/seconded Smith to set public hearing for the SRF Environmental Review for November 12th, 2025 at 5:30p.m. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Malfero/seconded Zweck to approve claims. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Pat Derdzinski spoke to the council on behalf of the Library Board about employee wages. The library board is recommending their wage increase be 2.5% for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Carlos Cabrera informed the council that he is still trying to get his dog into obedient training to have a certificate completed.

Motion by Malfero/seconded Fesenmeyer to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Signed: Warren Van Dyke, Mayor

Attest: Brittney Katcher, City Clerk