

MINUTE RECORD
GIBBON CITY COUNCIL
Monday, December 18, 2023

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska met in open public session at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall on Monday, December 18, 2023. Notice of the meeting was given by posting on the City's website, published in The Shelton Clipper on December 14, 2023 and by posting at Gibbon City Hall, Gibbon Post Office, and Gibbon Exchange Bank.

Mayor Deb VanMatre called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Open Meetings Notice is posted on the west wall of the Council Chambers. The City of Gibbon abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business.

Roll Call: Leon Stall: Present
Bob Krier: Present
Derrick Clevenger: Present
Kevin Kraenow: Present

Present: 4: Absent: 0

Submittal of Requests for Future Items: Councilman Kraenow requested looking into having the council meetings video/online.

Reserve Time to Speak on Agenda Items: None

Presentations and Proclamations:

Buffalo County Sheriff's Department—Captain Bob Anderson: Captain Anderson provided the monthly report. The department enjoyed Christmas in the Park and things went well overall at the event.

Mayor Report—Deb VanMatre: Mayor VanMatre verified the city was awarded the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant. The city just received the paperwork and will have more information at the next council meeting. Mayor VanMatre plans to have council work sessions after the first of the year. The sessions will include water and sewer projects, street projects and updating the strategic plan.

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb informed the mayor and council about the notice of action level exceedance of lead and copper from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. There were two houses in Gibbon that were tested that exceeded the amount. Mr. Smallcomb explained this is not the city's water but in the household itself. The city will be sending out information with this month's billing and will notify the school and daycares. There will be a number of tests in the upcoming months and notices informing the public on the lead and copper exposure to all water customers. The council had no questions on the city operations report.

City Attorney Report—Barry Hemmerling: Mr. Hemmerling discussed the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy decree settlement from violations many years ago. Mr. Hemmerling explained the city has met all required repairs and adjustments and the final settlement would be \$5,000 to remove this off the pending records.

City Treasurer Report—Susan Tonniges: Ms. Tonniges reviewed the monthly financials. The city is two months into the fiscal year. Nothing significant to report. The auditors were here last week doing field work with no issues reported while here. Their final report will follow after they've completed all audit work.

Consent Agenda:

Kevin Kraenow asked about the building permit No. 2023-26 and the portable building. There is no information on portable buildings in the code book. Matt Smallcomb will look into this matter.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

The items approved in the Consent Agenda were as follows:

Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
Claims for the Month of December
Buffalo County Sheriff Department Report
Treasurers Report
Planning Commission Report
Building Permit 2023-26 Julie Lessig—113 Center Street—Accessory Building/fence
Cemetery Board Report
Heritage Center Report
Library Report
Recreation Advisory Board Report
Renewal of Temporary Use Animal Permits
AP-2024-01—Dustin & Michelle Eutsler—414 3rd Street—Chickens
AP-2024-02—Wes Plummer—208 3rd Street—Chickens

Resolutions and Motions:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the payment of \$5,000 to the Buffalo County District Court to settle claims associated with the NDEE consent decree, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Kraenow to approve the Temporary Use Animal Permit No. AP-2023-04—Christina Busch—707 Drew Lane—Chickens, seconded by Leon Stall.

Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve year end bonuses to employees in the net amount of \$100 for city employees, seconded by Kevin Kraenow.

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Other Items:

The next regular Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Time changed from Monday in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The February meeting will also be changed to Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Time changed to observe Presidents' Day.

The March meeting will be held on March 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Bob Krier to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

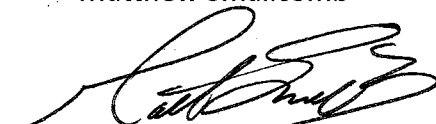
Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea
Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor VanMatre adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Pamela Rasmussen

Matthew Smallcomb

Deborah VanMatre



City Clerk

City Administrator

Mayor

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