

**MINUTE RECORD**  
**GIBBON CITY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The Gibbon City Council, Buffalo County, Nebraska met in open public session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Notice of the meeting was given by posting on the City's website, published in The Shelton Clipper on January 11, 2024 and by posting at Gibbon City Hall, Gibbon Post Office, and Gibbon Exchange Bank.

Mayor Deb VanMatre called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: None

Reserve Time to Speak on Agenda Items: None

**Presentations and Proclamations:**

Buffalo County Sheriff's Department—Sergeant Ephraim Valenzuela: Sergeant Valenzuela went over the monthly report stating it was a typical month of calls and activity. The holidays went well. Sergeant Valenzuela appreciated the city including the Sheriff's Department in the Christmas in the Park and they look forward to next year. He also mentioned his appreciation to the city workers for their efforts in the snow removal during the latest weather events.

Mayor Report—Deb VanMatre: Mayor VanMatre informed the council that the city received a \$200,000 grant from the Rosen Foundation for improvements at Rosen Park. Representatives with Gibbon Pack have started to meet regularly with her and Matt, and during one of the meetings improvements at Rosen Park were discussed. The park was originally donated to the city by the Rosen family. A master plan/wish list was presented to the foundation for consideration. The grant was awarded in December and initial upgrades will begin later this year including a new walking surface on the track and fencing near the soccer fields. They also plan to update the park signage to reflect both Gibbon Pack and Rosen's. Mayor VanMatre thanked Mr. Smallcomb for his efforts in applying for this grant, especially in such a short time frame, as well as the many other grants and donations the city has been awarded in the last year. Mayor VanMatre reminded the council of the upcoming League of Municipalities Winter Conference and the election filing deadline dates.

City Administrator Report—Matthew Smallcomb: Mr. Smallcomb reported the new dump truck has been put into operation. He indicated that permit forms for buildings, signs, fences and zoning have been updated and provide more clarity on what is needed for the planning commission and when setback inspections will take place, in addition to aligning with current regulations. Councilman Stall asked for clarification on the testing and requirements necessary due to the exceedance of limits of lead in water. Mr. Smallcomb indicated that every three years the city must take ten random home water samples. There were two homes in Gibbon that were tested that exceeded the allowable limit. The lead is not in the city's water supply but in the household itself. The city was required to send notification in the monthly billing. More testing will be required in the coming months as well as additional notifications to all water customers. Mr. Smallcomb reported that numerous complaints were received from a resident regarding the emergency and four daily sirens, including calls to city hall, city staff, the mayor and councilmen. Due to the number of contacts, the daily sirens were shut off until this council meeting. In the meantime, there have been many requests from citizens to resume the daily sirens. Results of a survey indicated overwhelming support to resume the four daily sirens. The emergency siren was not working but has since been fixed. Mr. Smallcomb gave an update on the community center/city hall and fire hall projects. The rough in walls are done and electrical work continues to move forward. The fire hall project is in the final stages. BD has agreed to cover the cost of the additional items required by the Fire Marshall.

City Attorney Report—Barry Hemmerling: Mr. Hemmerling indicated he is working with the David City attorney on the purchase of equipment for the methane gas building which was damaged in the fire at the WWTP.

City Treasurer Report—Susan Tonniges: Ms. Tonniges indicated with the receipt of the grants the city will need to amend the budget as we will be spending more than originally budgeted. Ms. Tonniges reported that sales tax is up and that we are twenty five percent into the fiscal year.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grant—South Central Economic Development District--Lori Ferguson: The city was awarded a \$50,000 Downtown Revitalization Study Planning Grant. Ms. Ferguson went over the steps needed to begin the planning and requirements related to the project.

Consent Agenda:

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 December 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Claims for the Month of January

Buffalo County Sheriff Department Report

Treasurers Report

Planning Commission Report

Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department Report

Library Report

Renewal of Temporary Use Animal Permits

AP-2024-03—Petska--204 Scout Street--Chickens

AP-2024-04—Johnson—509 3<sup>rd</sup> Street—Rabbits and Chickens

Application for Membership—Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad—Kyle Swanson

Resolutions and Motions:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to adopt the Procurement Standards and Code of Conduct relating to the Community Development Block Grant Program, 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 Leon Stall to approve the Language Assistance Plan relating to the Community Development Block Grant Program, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

Leon Stall: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve Resolution No. 2024-01 Adopting Excessive Force Policy, seconded by Leon Stall.

Resolution No. 2024-01

WHEREAS, the City of Gibbon, Nebraska has applied for and received Community Development Block Grant Program funds (CDBG) from the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 519 of Public Law 101-144, the HUD Appropriations Act requires the certain statement of assurances and certifications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the utilization of CDBG funds by the State; the City of Gibbon does adopt a statement of policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

Bob Krier: Yea; Leon Stall: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea

Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the Contract with South Central Economic Development District, Inc. for Grant Administration Services not to exceed \$3,000 for the Planning Grant (CDBG #23-PP-003), seconded by Bob Krier.

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

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to authorize the mayor to execute the contract with South Central Economic Development District, Inc. for Grant Administration Services in an amount not to exceed \$3,000 for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant (CDBG #22-PP-003), seconded by Bob Krier.

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

A motion was made by Leon Stall to approve the Mendez Addition, an Administrative Subdivision to the City of Gibbon, Buffalo County, Nebraska, seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

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

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve Agreement Renewal No. 34 and Certification of Compliance with Nebraska Department of Transportation, seconded by Leon Stall.

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

A motion was made by Derrick Clevenger to approve the schedule of 7:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday for the timing of the local sirens, seconded by Bob Krier.

Derrick Clevenger: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Leon Stall: Nay  
Yea: 3; Nay: 1. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Krier to approve the change of the March Regular City Council Meeting from Monday, March 18, 2024 to Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Derrick Clevenger.

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

Other Items:

The next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. (Changed from Monday in Observance of Presidents' Day)

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

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Leon Stall to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kevin Kraenow.

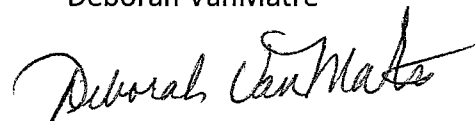
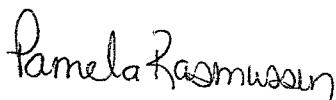
Leon Stall: Yea; Kevin Kraenow: Yea; Bob Krier: Yea; Derrick Clevenger: Yea  
Yea: 4; Nay: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor VanMatre adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Pamela Rasmussen

Matthew Smallcomb

Deborah VanMatre



City Clerk

City Administrator

Mayor

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