

**CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 10, 2023

7:00 pm Fisher School Library

Council Members Present: Emily Tinkham, Laurie Anderson, Mitch Bakken, Mark Clauson

City Staff Present: Chuck Getsman, Mike Theis

Guests: Matt Crowell

Absent: Adam Wagner, Erik Quirk, Tracy Cameron, Taylor Amiot, Kara Bowen

- A. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:07 pm
- B. Additions/corrections to agenda –
 - a. none
- C. Approve minutes from the June 12, 2023 regular council meeting
 - a. Clauson motioned to approve the June 12, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Bakken. Remove “acting” from section A. Motion carries.
- D. Fisher Forum
 - a. Resident Matt Crowell is requesting a variance for a 6’ fence. The new fence will replace the current chain link fence and continue around the property. Crowell received verbal approval from neighbors Ilene Yanish and John Waldner. Crowell received written approval from the apartment owner. The fence is to provide security for the house and family. The fence will also allow the dogs a secure area to play.
 - i. Bakken motioned to approve the variance. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - b. Resident will file documentation regarding the adjacent property owner’s approval with the county.
 - c. Getsman will provide fence ordinance at next meeting.
- E. Public Works Department
 - a. Everything is going well.
 - b. Waiting to hear back on meter and generator quotes.
 - c. Working on mowing and fixing the fence out at the ponds.
 - d. Will spray tonight weather permitting
 - e. Will be painting curbs this week weather permitting
 - f. Has photos of trucks taken and organized – will work on posting to Facebook and creating forms for the sealed bidding that the council has requested. All trucks will have a minimum bid of \$500. Will end Aug 11 @ 330. Bids will be looked at during the next council meeting
 - g. Bowen posted the chicken ordinance to the website
 - h. Alex Snoble would like to purchase the old town siren for \$100.
 - i. The council approves of that. Other junk items will be picked up by Mike and Chuck and brought to the dump. i.e. old tv, washing machine and other junk items.
 - j. Mitch would like to see 24 hour surveillance signs out at the ponds posted on the side of fence and a posted sign prior to entry.
 - k. The council has okayed for the purchase of surveillance cameras or deer cams to be used out at the ponds.
- F. Police Department
 - a. Theis was on duty July 4th. Everything went well. Spoke to many of the residents shooting off fireworks – informed them to pick up trash when they were done.

- b. Received only one complaint from resident. Residents complained that the fireworks needed to end earlier because they had to wake up at 5am to go to work. Theis stated that most of the fireworks stopped around 11:15 pm.
 - c. Theis and Getsman picked minimal firework debris on July 5th.
 - d. Dangerous dog residents have been officially evicted from their residence by their landlord.
 - e. Theis received a complaint about the little red car racing around town. He will go and speak with the owner again.
- G. Fire and First Responders
- a. Quirk and Cameron - both absent
- H. Council Unfinished Business
- a. Delinquent water bills
 - i. Mayor would like Bowen to explain the past due water bill situation. Bakken and the Mayor had many questions to why we have so many people on the list. Bowen was not at the council meeting to answer questions.
 - ii. The Council would like the discount letter to state the past due amount, due at the end of the month and the current amount due by the 10th
 - b. Insurance
 - i. Insurance liability waiver – DONE
 - ii. Add pond coverage? additional \$600
 - 1. The annual premium to cover the ponds is \$600. The city does not have any coverage on the ponds. Any damage to the ponds (WIND, LIGHTENING, ETC) would not be covered by the current policy.
 - iii. The Council would like Bowen to provide a copy of the policy so they can review this prior to a decision.
- I. Council New Business
- a. Is Paul Barrett's house on Demers a health hazard? What can we do to eliminate the hazard? Theis will contact Corky Reynolds at Polk county to determine best plan of action.
 - b. Concern with the Burstad house. Council has asked Theis to do a welfare check.
 - c. Anderson would like Bowen to setup a meeting between Anderson, Mayor Tinkham and Bowen to start the holiday light fund and to purchase more holiday lights.
 - d. Anderson asked Getsman to get a quote from Valley Electric to add outlets to 9 more light poles and inquire as to how soon could the addition could be completed.
 - e. Anderson would also like Getsman to reach out to Brian Wagner on the cost for a new tree to replace the dying evergreen in front of the firehall
- J. Council Issues
- a. There is confusion with pay and expectations with the approved new hire Jody Clauson. Mayor Tinkham would like Bowen to schedule a meeting between Jody Clauson, Mayor Tinkham, Anderson, and Bowen to discuss, pay, hours, expectations, and availability.
 - b. Bakken motioned to approve the starting pay of \$17.00 for Jody Clauson. Seconded by Anderson. No discussion. M. Clauson abstain. Motion carries.
- K. Approve June/July Disbursements
- a. Anderson and Clauson? reviewed bills prior to the meeting.
 - b. Anderson? motioned to approve the expenditures of \$13,354.50. Seconded by Clauson?. No discussion. Motion carries.

Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Getsman
Public Works Director