

**CITY OF FISHER  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, April 10, 2023  
7:00 pm Fisher School Library**

Council Members Present: Emily Tinkham, Mitch Bakken, Mark Clauson, Adam Wagner  
City Staff Present: Chuck Getsman, Taylor Amiot, Mike Theis, Kara Bowen, Tracy Cameron  
Absent: Laurie Anderson, Erik Quirk

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:06 pm
2. Additions/corrections to agenda -
  - a. Insurance Building Appraisal - change to replacement value
3. Approve minutes from the March 13, 2023 regular council meeting
  - a. Clauson motioned to approve the March 13, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Bakken.  
No discussion. Motion carries.
4. Fisher Forum - none
5. Public Works Department
  - a. Resident that submitted a second invoice to the city for snow storage.
    - i Getsman contacted the city lawyer and was instructed to have resident contact the lawyer.
  - b. House south of Cenex wants to know if the city will remove some of the large snow bank. Getsman has a plan to reduce all piles around town.
  - c. Flood update
    - i Polk County Emergency - Mayor and Getsman met to make sure there is a plan in place in case of flooding. The Emergency Manager suggested that the Council “pick a number” for river height in feet to begin sandbagging.
    - ii Mayor spoke to schools to get students for sandbagging.
    - iii Consider getting sewer bladders for broken culvert near the river.
    - iv Need to purchase boxes of poly.
    - v Need to finish cleaning out storm drains.
    - vi Make sure residents are not sending sump pumps into the sewer.
    - vii Communicate flood plan to residents that live near the river.
  - d. Getsman continues to look for pickup for PW
  - e. Burt’s Truck Equipment in EGF - plow for the green John Deere
    - i Cost \$6500 with 25% discount
    - ii Council asked to get more info - How old is the plow? Who is the manufacturer? How much does a new one cost?

- f. Airborne - spraying company
  - i. The city did not use it last year.
  - ii. Sign the contract so we are in the system. Airborne will not spray until directed by the city.
- g. Kittson to Demers, manhole by Radi's wipes
  - i. Send a letter in utility bills about flushing wipes.
  - ii. Include cost to date, minimum increase to each resident, landlords post information to occupant's
  - iii. Getsman will get more information on newer pumps that can reverse flow to remove wipes or a shredder.
- h. Amiot reported that there has been no update on flood projections in Crookston, river is rising.
- i. Amiot commented on commercial rates - some cities do not differentiate between residential and commercial. Others have rates by meter size.
- j. Amiot will send a 2016 presentation to council created by his office noting different rates on meter size multi dwelling

#### 6. Police Department

- a. No issues with the dangerous dog.
- b. Residents have complained about dog waste in yards.

#### 7. Fire and First Responders

- a. First Responder paid position discussion
  - i. Currently it is a volunteer position
  - ii. Cameroon noted the First Responders are trying to rebuild as a lot of people have moved.
  - iii. What are the expectations of the paid position? Cameron does not want to be a city employee. Is it possible to use a call sheet for hours? Does the council want a list of what Cameron currently does?
- b. New class in May
- c. Purchase a new AED with a grant from Polk County Agency; old one will go to the fire truck

#### 8. Council New

- a. Insurance Building Appraisal - change to replacement value?
- b. Appraiser suggested security cameras on shop - do you get an insurance discount?
- c. Email or text blast service - discount on utility bill
- d. Raises to approve

- i Olson - \$.50
- ii Theis - \$.80 + retirement account deferred MSRS \$110 per month for 5 years
- iii Bowen - \$2.00
- 1 Bakken motion to approve personnel committee changes. Wagner second. No discussion. Motion carries.

9. Council Issues

- a. none

10. Approve March/April Disbursements

- a. Bakken and Clauson reviewed bills prior to the meeting.
- i Bakken motioned to approve the expenditures of \$43,843.71. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.

- 11. Wagner motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Bowen

Clerk