

Regular Council Meeting
September 26, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Dave Anderson.

Council members present; Mark Egli, Jesse Grossnickle, Dennis Graffunder, Lonny Nimke. Absent: Steve Smothers.

Agenda approved with no additions.

Grossnickle made a motion, second by Nimke to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None. Absent; Smothers.

Dave reported he will continue to work on easements for the second phase of the Seavert Pathway Trail Project.

Public works superintendent, Drew Samuelson's, report was distributed. Drew reported that they replaced the radiator on the orange dump truck and while doing so noticed fluid leaking out of the hose. The truck will be taken to International to figure out where the leak is coming from. Drew also reported that Maguire Iron came and serviced the water tower per our maintenance agreement. They put a submarine inside the water tower, and everything looked good.

Chief Larry Freese presented the activity report for the police department. Freese reported that officer Hogan was injured while at the academy, and while it was not serious at the time further tests were needed. Freese reported that he had not heard anything further at this time.

City Clerk, Chelsea Rolling, presented the monthly financial reports. Reports will be on file.

Councilmember Steve Smothers arrived at the meeting at this time.

Graffunder made a motion, second by Nimke to close off main street one block north and one block south of Security Savings Bank on October 7, 2023, for the Chamber's Chili Cook Off. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Smothers, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None.

Pam Steinberg, a member of the 150th celebration committee, was present and updated the council on the progress of the Kaskey memorial restoration project. The memorial has been restored with a couple more things left to do. They still have funds available and would like to start getting bids to help with improvements to the fair barn. The council advised Pam, and the committee, to see if they could find any historical grants to help get more items repaired. Pam agreed to keep the project moving forward and will start collecting bids and bring it back to the council with updates.

Macie Schoon, Economic Development Coordinator, reported that she was finishing things up with RVTV. The event went really well, and she has received a lot of positive feedback. Schoon also reported that she will be working on gaining access to the city's website.

Mayor Dave Anderson opened the SRF Environmental Impact Public Hearing at this time. (6:10PM)

Ethan Joy with JEO Engineering Group was present and informed the council and residents about the environmental impact the Manson to Fort Dodge water connection will have on us and the surrounding areas. The study is still ongoing, but no substantial impact is foreseeable. Manson Resident, Dean DeVore, was present and asked about the effect the new water connection will have on current water billing. Mayor Anderson explained that while the residents will see an increase on their water bills it will be minimized by the State Revolving Loan Fund's forgiveness of part of the cost for the project. Positive

comments from the public hearing: “We are glad the problem is getting solved.” Negative comments from the public hearing: none during the meeting.

City clerk, Chelsea Rolling, has not received any comments written or orally for the public hearing. A copy of the Iowa State Revolving Fund Environmental Information Document will be available at city hall.

Mayor Dave Anderson closed the public hearing for the SRF Environmental Impact at this time. (6:27PM).

Graffunder made a motion, second by Grossnickle to set the public hearing for the Residential Tax Abatement for Wednesday November 1, 2023, at City Hall starting at 6:00PM. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Smothers, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None.

A discussion was held about the possible interest in the lot North of 1901 Main St. After talking to the possible buyer, it was changed to the lot East of that property. Further discussion will be held with the possible buyer and surrounding neighbors before a decision will be made.

Grossnickle made a motion, second by Nimke to approve City Clerk, Chelsea Rolling, the ability to reimburse Dalton Hogan for police academy mileage and gas expenses. Disbursements are allowed to be paid weekly until the completion of the academy. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Smothers, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None.

Egli made a motion, second by Smothers approval of payment in the amount of \$30.00 to MEDC for payment of dues. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Smothers, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None.

Graffunder made a motion, second by Egli to set Manson’s Beggars Night for Saturday October 28, 2023 from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Smothers, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None.

Smothers made a motion, second by Graffunder for approval of payment in the amount of \$1,196.00 to EMC Ins. - Ford F550 truck insurance premium. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Smothers, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None.

Nimke made a motion, second by Egli to approve new Class “C” liquor license – Manson Event Center. Effective on or before October 15, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Smothers, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None.

Grossnickle made a motion, second by Graffunder to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Egli, Smothers, Grossnickle, Graffunder, Nimke. Nays; None.

Mayor

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City Clerk