

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Olivia, Minnesota, was called to order by Mayor Hawkinson at 5:30 P.M.

Council Members Present: Matt Baumgartner, George Ebbers, Blanca Ferguson, Mayor Hawkinson and Landon Padrnos.

Others present: Elizabeth Torkelson, City Administrator; Jason Krumheuer, Police Chief; Pam Whitmore, City Attorney (zoom); City Engineer; Cory Hebrink, Business Owner; Ross Okins, Renville County Register; Taxpayer (zoom), Jasmine Miller, Deputy Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Hawkinson temporarily suspended the regular meeting and opened the public forum at 5:31 P.M.

Cory Hebrink shared that he attended the last meeting and appreciated the electrical fund presentation. In the future he would like discussion items to be open for public comment. He informed the Council that he has been following the electrical fund for a few years and feels like the City continues to take advantage by increasing the rates. Hebrink stated that the PUC did create new goals in 2021 and 2022 and questioned a lack of communication between all the entities. Asked the City to strive to be as proactive as they can. He highlighted getting more of the grid buried underground, upgrade the system and look into the electrical fund balance. Hebrink stated that it does matter how much we raise rates, if we are not going to look into where this money is going then he suggested it wasn't going to be good.

No other public comments were offered so Mayor Hawkinson reopened the regular meeting at 5:37 P.M.

AGENDA

Motion by Ferguson, second by Padrnos to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ebbers, second by Padrnos to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

- A) Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023
- B) Work Session Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023
- C) Resolution 2024-01, Approval of 2024 Annual Resolution
- D) Resolution 2024-02, Data Inventory Responsible Parties
- E) Resolution 2024-03, Corporate Authorization Resolution 4M/PMA 2024 Signatories
- F) Resolution 2024-04, Corporate Authorization Resolution FM Bank 2024 Signatories
- G) Resolution 2024-05, Corporate Authorization Resolution HomeTown Bank 2024 Signatories
- H) Resolution 2024-06, Corporate Authorization Resolution MBS 2024 Signatories
- I) Resolution 2024-07, Corporate Authorization Resolution RBC/Aegis 2024 Signatories
- J) Resolution 2024-08, Step Movement for Dave Ervin
- K) Resolution 2024-09, Step Movement for Marissa Castillo
- L) Resolution 2024-10, Step Movement for Jodi Gilberts
- M) Resolution 2024-11, Step Movement for Scott Forsman
- N) Resolution 2024-12, Step Movement for Colby Schroeder
- O) Resolution 2024-13, Hiring of Patrol Officer Marcus Jakes
- P) Resolution 2024-14, Approval of Donation/Contributions
- Q) Resolution 2024-15, Gambling Exempt Permit for Church of St. Mary of Bird Island

- R) Resolution 2024-16, Uniform Contract for Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities
- S) Resolution 2024-17, Approving a Permit for a 1 Day Temporary On-Sale Liquor License to the Olivia Chamber of Commerce
- T) Confirm Mayoral Appointment of Ben Aaseth to the Planning Commission
- U) Confirm Mayoral Appointment of Allan Clouse to the Planning Commission

DISCUSSION / BUSINESS ITEMS

Public Hearing for Ordinance 2024-01, Fine and Fee Schedule

Motion by Ferguson, second by Ebbers to approve Ordinance 2024-01, Fine and Fee Schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

At 5:39 P.M. Mayor Hawkinson temporarily recessed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing.

Torkelson reported that the fine and fee schedule was reviewed by Council on December 18, 2024. It is best practice to hold a public forum when making changes to the fine and fee schedule.

No other public comments were offered so Mayor Hawkinson reopened the regular meeting at 5:40 P.M.

No additional items or new business items were presented.

REPORTS

Reports of Council / Staff

Torkelson reported that the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan is available on the City of Olivia's website and encouraged the public to review and comment on the document. Torkelson also shared that Antonio will be in attendance on February 5th to present during the public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Torkelson also notified Council that Whitmore will be starting the meeting with a Work Session on Open Meeting Law on January 16th.


Padrnos reported that the Pool has been filled, but an opening date is still unknown.

Mayor Hawkinson shared that the Winter Warm Up Event will be held on Friday, January 26th at Max's. Tickets are available at the Olivia Liquor Store.


No additional reports were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ferguson, second by Padrnos: to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.



Jon Hawkinson, Mayor

Attest: 
Jasmine Miller, City Clerk