

October 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the city council was called to order by Mayor Dave Witucki. Council members present were Tom Boeck, KC Reuter, Gina Massop and Tiffany Sevcik. Also present were Don Wolters, Patty Smith and Tamara Dicks-Maple River Messenger.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Reuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Massop to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Reuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boeck to approve the bills.

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Smith had an additional bill for 3<sup>rd</sup> Q police service, City of Mapleton \$20,320.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**RO Updates:** No one was at meeting from SEH. Smith shared spreadsheet on RO expenses, beginning in 2019 that is kept for the auditors, which showed over 1.5 million in expenses. The city has been reimbursed almost 1.2 million from PSIG grant and paid almost \$400,000.00 over the past 4 years. Change Order 15 for checks valves \$3213.13 minus \$1418.30 Luke's Electric for total of \$2201.09; it also included substantial completion to 1/5/24 and final completion to 2/9/24. Date change is due to CIP tank heater, which was ordered in July, is still not here. A motion was made by Boeck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Massop to approve change order 15. Motion carried unanimously. Pay request 22-830-00015 for \$20,900.00 was presented again to council. Now that electrical work has been completed on this request a motion was made by Boeck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reuter to approve request 22-830-00015 for \$20,900.00. Motion carried unanimously. Pay request 22-830-00016 for \$76,677.49 was submitted. Pay requests are not itemized, only change order requests. A motion was made by Massop and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sevcik to pay request 22-830-00016 for \$76,677.49. Motion carried unanimously. December 4 is the expected date for the reverse osmosis system to be working.

**Siren:** Discussion was held if we need 4 whistles per day, since most people have cell phones or other ways to know the time. Also, with different work schedules these days, the times can interrupt people trying to sleep. A survey will be sent out to all residents on the siren. A motion was made by Reuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sevcik to table this until the November meeting.

**Health Insurance:** A motion was made by Massop and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reuter to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield for the city employees. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports:** Received from fire department, police department and public works. Truck will be painted with only City of Amboy, will not do an emblem of city banner. Flushing of fire hydrants will begin October 16. Interior water tank inspection may still be done this year; if it is unable to be scheduled, council will wait until next year when RO system is completed. Wolters would like a tool organizer for the pickup. A motion was made by Boeck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Massop to approve purchase of a Decked Tool Storage, not to exceed \$2000.00. Motion carried unanimously. The plow is scheduled to be put on the pickup November 2.

**Resolution 2023 – 10:** A motion was made by Reuter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Boeck to approve Resolution 2023 – 10 Wage Increase of \$0.50 for Wolters since he passed his Bio Solids exam. Motion carried unanimously.

**Blue Earth County:** A motion was made by Massop and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reuter to approve the 5-year routine Blue Earth County Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Road Work:** Blue Earth County is updating their CIP plan which could include repair of County Rd 36 (our 4<sup>th</sup> Ave). The work would be a 90/10 split. The county asked if city has any utility work to be done, at the city expense. Discussion was held; water crosses over it and sewer runs along it. We will have sewer lines televised in that area in 2024 to see if anything needs to be replaced. The water/sewer committee of Witucki and Boeck will meet with Ryan Thilges of BEC to discuss.

**Ordinance – Prohibiting cannabis in parks:** A draft of ordinance was presented to council. The council would like to move forward with passing an ordinance to prohibit cannabis use in the park areas as the odor is not pleasing to some people and should not be used around children. The violation would be a petty misdemeanor. Smith will work with Mapleton Police to finalize ordinance before having the public hearings.

**Open Comment:** Wolters passed his D class WWTP. Could December 4 meeting be moved to December 11? Will confirm no other schedule conflicts at November meeting before making the change.

A motion was made by Boeck and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reuter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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David Witucki, Mayor

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Council

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Patty Smith, Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer