

Regular Meeting – September 9, 2019

Members Present

Jason Casey
Jenna Pederson
Chad Neitzel
Michael Shurson
Sarah Sundve

Members Absent

Others Present

Wayne Billing
Anthony Martens
Jim Lutgens
Gordy Loverink
David Hedin

Monica Schutrop
Chris Schlaak
Rodney Hulloper
Laura Beckman

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Shurson at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call - All members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda – Motion was made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve the agenda with additions. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Sarah Sundve seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve Consent Items:

1. Minutes for August 12th 19th & 26th Meetings
2. Accounts Payable

Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 19-03 Parking Restrictions

Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Chad Neitzel to adopt Ordinance 19-03 restricting overnight parking at Legion Field. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Resolution 19-08 Transferring Funds

Motion was made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Chad Neitzel to adopt Resolution 19-08 transferring equity from the Care Center to the General Fund. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Police Department – Anthony Martens

- August activity reported.
- The New Richland Night to Unite event was a success. The date for next year will be Thursday August 6 and the New Richland Commercial Club has agreed to assist.
- The policies for the department are about 60% complete.
- The department is planning on instituting quarterly community information meetings to allow for dialog between the department and the public.
- Motion was made by Chad Neitzel seconded by Jenna Pederson to approve \$295 for a car seat tech training course for two officers and Sara Jo Vulcan and \$675 for the two officers to attend the TZD conference and \$675 for one officer to attend DMT training. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
- Motion was made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve \$576 plus up to \$100 to install four tires on the Ford. Carried (5 yes, 0 no).
- Motion was made by Chad Neitzel seconded by Jenna Pederson to approve purchase of four no parking overnight signs for Legion Field parking lot not to exceed \$100. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
- For planning purposes, the lease on the Impala expires March 4, 2020. Planning for replacement has begun.

- Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to approve the Police Department report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Ambulance – Chris Schlaak

- August report presented.
- Member and training update.
- The department is looking into purchasing a used tablet from SCEMS.
- Staffing was discussed. The Department was asking if there was anything that could be done to facilitate recruiting.
- Motion was made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Ambulance Report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Budget – Budget discussed. It was inquired if a 2% reduction from the proposed was doable. It was pointed out that a lot of lines could be cut a little but would not have a large impact on the budget. The City Departments would have to cut services to make an impact. The Mayor expressed concern with the cuts over the years that have caused capital expenditures to be postponed or use cash reserve balances and would like to see \$35,000 added to the proposed budget to fund some capital and replace some cash. The additional amount would put the levy increase at 14.17% over 2019. Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jenna Pederson to use the current 17.17% levy increase as the preliminary. Carried (4 yes, 1 no – Jason Casey)

Tobacco 21- The City has received a request to consider enacting an ordinance to raise the age to purchase from 08 to 21 for tobacco and vaping material. Jason Casey made a statement against. Council discussed briefly. Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to decline to move forward. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

School Parking – The School has asked for parking restrictions south of the School after school to relieve congestion for the busses. Motion was made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Jason Casey to consider the request. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Entrepreneurial Conference– Jason Casey reported on a conference he attended that presented a program to fund and assist main street businesses. He thinks the City could get some benefit.

Adjournment – Motion was made by Jason Casey and seconded by Chad Neitzel to adjourn the meeting. Carried (5 yes, 0 no) 7:47 p.m.

Wayne Billing
City Clerk/Treasurer