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Mayor: Lori Warne * City Administrator: Tammy Hansen

Minutes

April 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Newfolden City Council was called to order by Mayor Lori Warne at 7:30 PM on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Present: Darin Jacobson Lori Warne Mark Augustine Melissa Bjorgaard Adam Gast
 Jason Bring Greg Hufnagle

- 1) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the April 18th agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Augustine and carried.*
- 2) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the April 18th Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried.*
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire Department:
 - b. Park and Recreation:
 - c. Infrastructure:
 - d. Budget:
 - e. Public Works: Jason Bring provided a Public Works update and review.
- 4) The council considered a counteroffer by Greg Hufnagle regarding the potential buy-out of property he owns. The property will be located in the floodway after the railroad bridge construction scheduled for this summer. Motion by councilmember Jacobson to approve the following:
 - a) Purchase price of \$190,000;
 - b) Greg can remain on property with a lease agreement of \$1.00 per month. He will be required to obtain and show proof of renter's insurance.
 - c) Property must be vacated no later than March 15, 2023. Extended only upon approval of the City Council;
 - d) Greg may retain ownership of physical assets removed from the property prior to demolition;
 - e) Huffy's Excavation will be contracted to demolish all remaining structures, debris will be removed and all holes filled and finished with top-soil. Shared costs will include disposal fees.
 - f) Demolition and site preparation must be completed within 30 days after the lifting of road restrictions.Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.
- 5) Reminder: Public Hearing for a variance request submitted by Kari Anderson – Wednesday, April 20th at 5:30PM. A special meeting of the City Council will be scheduled for 6:00PM on this same date.
- 6) *Motion by Councilmember Augustine to approve the University of MN Extension Consent form request by Jarod Liedberg. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried.*

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- 7) Jason Bring presented information regarding the City's system of water wells. Back-up well number 2 is no longer usable due to a collapsed casing. Well number 1 is a vacated turbine well that has the capacity to be retrofitted to serve as back-up moving forward. This well needs to be pressurized and tested for viability. Jeff Davidson is working on this with updates forthcoming. Well number 2 will be sealed by Jeff Davidson at a cost of \$1,000.00. \$900 will be paid by a grant through the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- 8) Councilmember Gast has received several complaints regarding properties that are storing vehicles, and other types of debris, in a manner that may be addressed through the Nuisance Ordinance. The Council discussed the need to further clarify and quantify violations of this nature by strengthening the existing nuisance ordinance. Several examples have been gathered from other communities, to include enforcement language, checklists, and notification templates. This information will be forwarded to members of the council for their review and continued discussion.
- 9) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve a request by Karen Wikstrom to utilize a City plug-in for the operation of her food truck, WaaHoo Waffles, during the city-wide rummage sale day. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.*
- 10) *The council discussed a request by Kim Glad to install and remove light-pole banners representing each senior of MCC's 2022 graduating class. In previous years, the City has donated labor and equipment to remove banners by Memorial Day activities. Installation of the banners will require an additional day of time and equipment. As a part-time position, the Public Works Director would need to be compensated separately for work scheduled for this activity. Equipment will be donated by the City for installation. Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the donation of City equipment for installation and removal of banners, donation of labor for banner removal, and additional time allocated for Public Works employee, Jason Bring for installation of all banners. The City will ask that Jason be compensated by the banner committee, a fee of \$400 for his installation time. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 11) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the hiring of Marsha Anderson to assist with the planting and watering of flowers for the 2022 summer season. The position will be shared with Missy Bjorgaard and Marlene Broten. Motion seconded by Councilmember Augustine and carried.*
- 12) *The council has informally approved the concept of decorative cement (dyed and stamped) in the area that shapes the 'N' in Centennial Park. The 'N' will be completed in a shade different than the perimeter. This will replace the colored rocks and plant area that exists there now. Approval is contingent on an acceptable cost estimate.*
- 13) *Motion by Councilmember Augustine to approve Claims and Timesheets as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried*
- 14) *Motion by Councilmember Gast to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Second by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*

Lori Warne
Mayor

Tammy Hansen
City Administrator