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Mayor: Lori Warne * City Administrator: Tammy Hansen

Minutes

April 4, 2022

The regular meeting of the Newfolden City Council was called to order by Mayor Lori Warne at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 4, 2022.

Present: Darin Jacobson Lori Warne Mark Augustine Melissa Bjorgaard Adam Gast
 Marit Martell Greg Hufnagle

- 1) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the April 4th agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.*
- 2) *Motion by Councilmember Augustine to approve the April 4th Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire Department:
 - b. Park and Recreation:
 - c. Infrastructure:
 - d. Budget:
 - e. Public Works:
- 4) The council continued conversation with 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. Counter offers from both parties were discussed. Consideration is being given to cash payment, in addition to:
 - a) Ownership of physical assets from the property prior to demolition;
 - b) An extended deadline to vacate the home;
 - c) Shared costs related to the demolition of structures, debris removal, and site preparation.

No action was taken, Negotiations will continue to the April 18th council meeting.
- 5) Notice of the rescheduled 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 Bjorgaard to approve the design and placement of a medical equipment storage shed for the LAH/BNP. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 7) Marit Martell, City Auditor, presented the 2021 audit. No findings or concerns were presented.
 - a) *Motion by Councilmember Gast to approve combining the Newfolden Café with the EDA fund for reporting purposes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried.*
 - b) *Motion by Councilmember Augustine to approve the Representation letter as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
 - c) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the In-Lieu of Attorney letter as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Augustine and carried.*

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- 8) *Motion by Councilmember Gast to approve 2022 electric utility maintenance projects as estimated by Northwest Electric and North-Holt. Projects will address three key areas in Newfolden and are estimated to \$56,380.00. Motion seconded by Councilmember Augustine and carried.*
- 9) *The council reviewed the cost projections and building plans related to Option C; this was approved by the MCC School Board for a planned 2022 referendum.*
- 10) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the City Administrator Time-off request for April 29th and May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 11) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve Claims and Timesheets as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried*
- 12) *Motion by Councilmember Augustine to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Second by Councilmember Gast and carried.*

Lori Warne
Mayor

Tammy Hansen
City Administrator

