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Mayor: Lori Warne * City Administrator: Tammy Hansen

Minutes

September 18, 2023

The meeting of the Newfolden City Council was called to order by Mayor Lori Warne at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 18, 2023.

Present: Darin Jacobson Lori Warne Melissa Bjorgaard Adam Gast Mark Augustine

- 1) *Motion by Councilmember Augustine to approve the September 18th agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried.*
- 2) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the September 18th Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.*
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire Department:
 - b. Park and Recreation:
 - c. Infrastructure:
 - d. Budget:
 - e. Public Works:
- 4) *The Budget Committee presented information to the council specific to an error that was reported to the council on September 11, by Marshall County Assessor, Ryan Larson. An error was discovered at the state level, which over-valued the railroad track-miles for the City of Newfolden by over 2.5 million dollars. This error was reflected in the last 6 years of property tax allocations. The error will be corrected for the 2024 payable tax year and will have a direct impact on all taxable properties within the City of Newfolden. All properties will see a significant increase dependent on the assessed market value. Motion by Councilmember Augustine to approve a reduction of \$5,000.00 to the 2024 Newfolden property tax levy, in an effort to reduce the impact of this correction to Newfolden tax payers. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 5) *Motion by Councilmember Augustine to accept the estimate from Thief River Glass for the proposed installation of an automatic door opener on the Community Center south entrance. Cost is \$6200.00 and will be offset by approximately \$2,100.00 in donations. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaard and carried.*
- 6) The council discussed a concern presented by Jaci Pfau, Humblebees Café. The leased building space is showing signs that the North side wall may be sinking/shifting and is progressively getting worse. We will contact area contractors for an assessment of the problem as well as a repair estimate.
- 7) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the submitted claims and timesheets. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 8) *Motion by Councilmember Augustine to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Second by Councilmember Gast and carried.*

Lori Warne
Mayor

Tammy Hansen
City Administrator

