

Council President Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher and Lee were present. Ross was absent and Sandow arrived during the library report. Also present were CT Rosenow, PW Director Caress, Library Director Karlson, Lynn McIntyre, Greg Holden, Brett Anderson, Kevin Frye, four members of the GCE student council with parents and Carlton DeWitt.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the GCE student council.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2023 Regular meeting. Voice vote carried.

Kletscher moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

There were no written public comments received.

Kevin Fry gave a summer rec report, thanking the council for the support of their tournament which has been a very successful fundraiser for the program and because of this, registration fees have been kept at \$25/child and each participant has been given a hat and jersey. The summer rec committee is requesting permission to turn half of the existing tennis courts into batting cages and that the City's budgeted allocation be given towards that project. It was suggested that Fry check with the school to see what they are doing with their old cages before purchasing anything new.

Director Karlson gave the Library report stating she will be attending a couple different training programs and the annual report has been submitted.

Public Works Director Caress report his department has been continuing to work on snow removal and cross connection inspections. Caress also informed the council that the metal detector is about ten years old and has stopped working and he will be replacing it at a cost of approximately \$1200.

In the Police report Unruh stated Chief Darwin has resigned his position effective 2-24-23 but his last day in office was the 17th. Officer Klatt has agreed to being the interim chief and will be changing his schedule to a week day shift until a replacement is hired.

There was no Clerk-Treasurer's report.

In the Mayor's report, Council President Unruh stated the council will need to work on a plan for the police chief's replacement and suggested the City get a plaque to present Darwin thanking him for 20+ years of service to the City.

In Old Business, Lynn McIntyre of Cedar Corporation stated they are working on the steps needed to discontinue the alley on the old school property and the initial resolution will be presented at the March meeting. Lee moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to move forward with the discontinuance process. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

It was noted that Councilpersons DeGross and Lee and PW Director Caress met with Cedar to set the survey stakes at the saddle club property. DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve the

proposed CSM of the saddle club/dump property. In discussion, Sandow questioned whether there would be an issue with driveway access to the property. It was Cedar's opinion that there would be no issues with the State. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

In New Business, Brent Anderson of Nextgen Broadband updated the council that they will be moving ahead in the spring to install new fiber lines throughout the City and questioned whether there were any permits that needed to be obtained prior to starting work. Anderson was instructed that no formal permits were needed but he should continue to touch base with PW Director Caress as things progress.

DeGross moved and Kletscher seconded a motion not to accept the proposed donation of parcel 231-1042-10-000 currently owned by Mary Jane TR Norenberg. It was stated that because of the location and terrain, the parcel would be of no value to the City. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion approve a Class "A" Liquor License application for Consumer's Cooperative, contingent upon their purchase of the business from current licensee Landmark Services Cooperative. Voice vote carried with Kletscher abstaining.

Kletscher moved and DeGross seconded a motion to adopt the laptop usage policy. Voice vote carried.

At 7:50 p.m. DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to enter into closed session per Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Compensation and Evaluation: Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee subject to the jurisdiction or authority of governing body; discussion regarding police chief position. Roll call vote showed councilpersons DeGross, Kletscher, Lee, Sandow and Unruh voting yes. Council adjourned to the Clerk's office.

At 8:36 p.m. Lee moved and DeGross seconded a motion to reconvene to open session. Roll call vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes. There were no members of the public remaining in the building.

DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to accept Police Chief Darwin's resignation. Voice vote carried with all in favor.

Lee moved and Kletscher seconded a motion to have Unruh post the police chief position. Voice vote carried with all in favor.

DeGross moved and Lee seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon L Rosenow
Clerk Treasurer