

Mayor Kletscher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arleigh Jansa of GCE student council. Roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Lee, Olson, Sandow and Stoner were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Police Chief Klatt, PW Director Caress, Library Director Karlson, Fire Chief Holden, Kevin Oium, Jud Kraft and Carlton DeWitt.

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

Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 Regular meeting and the March 27, 2024 Special meeting. Voice vote showed all councilpersons voting yes.

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

There were no public comments.

Kletscher gave an update on Summer Rec stating that the season schedule should be ready this week.

Director Karlson gave the Library report informing the council the library would be closed on Saturdays for the summer, beginning May 25th. Karlson also updated on the summer reading program and story time and is planning a scavenger hunt with local businesses.

Caress gave the Public Works report, stating they were getting ready for summer projects and informing the council the school would need to consult the state DOT regarding a question about replacing their State Champion signs that are at the entrances to the City.

A written Police report was submitted. Chief Klatt stated Officer Hoyt will begin full time May 13th, the PD has been catching stray cats and if the owner can't be located turning them over to the City's animal control officer for re-homing and they are waiting on WiFi updates from Nextgen before finishing the emergency management upgrades at the fire hall.

Clerk-Treasurer Rosenow reported the City's annual audit is wrapping up and should be presented in a more timely manner than it has in the last couple years.

In Mayor Kletscher's first report, he welcomed new councilperson Jeff Stoner, confirmed that Olson will be taking the Board of Review training, discussed looking into a new website for the City, confirmed with Oium of Cedar Corp that they are finishing up the survey needs to clear up the official street dedication of Misty Lane and had the privilege of reading the proclamation declaring April 27th as Norm Hagen Day in the City, in honor of his retirement.

There was no Old Business.

DeGross nominated Steve Lee for President of the Council. Sandow seconded the nomination and voice vote carried.

Mayor Kletscher stated he would leave the standing committees and special committees the same as last year. Those members with expiring terms will be extended for another term and Bryan Cress was added to the Police Discipline committee. The newly appointed alderperson will fill the spots left vacant by Kletscher moving from the council to the mayor's position. Olson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the mayor's appointments. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Olson seconded a motion to declare the Tribune Press Reporter as the official newspaper. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and DeGross seconded a motion to post an ad in the paper and on the City's Facebook page accepting letters of interest for the vacant council seat until close of business Friday May 17th. Voice vote carried. Appointment of the new Alderperson will be on the May agenda.

Discussion was held regarding recycling fees for businesses. Currently, the City charges all residents and businesses a \$10/month fee to use the recycling center. City ordinance states recyclables will be accepted from households of 1-4 families, but the City had been making an exception to the ordinance and allowing businesses to use the center to boost collection and revenue from sales. With the decline of recycling markets, the City has changed the way recyclables are processed and can no longer sell what is collected, therefore, it is no longer cost effective to accept business quantities of recyclables. After much discussion regarding whether businesses should be charged the fee if not allowed to dump recyclables, or what other options could be explored, Sandow moved and DeGross seconded a motion to send a letter to all businesses inviting them to discuss the issue at the May meeting. Voice vote carried with Olson voting no. It was requested to have this as the last item on the agenda at the May meeting.

No action was taken regarding changing the City logo.

Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to use Cedar Corporation as the City's Zoning Administrator on a per case basis. Voice vote carried with all voting yes.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 Renaming a Portion of Syme Avenue to Leising Avenue. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Sandow seconded the motion to approve changing the ambulance pay scale to remove the grant writer pay. Voice vote carried with Lee and Olson abstaining.

Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to add a debit card to the City's general fund checking and to create a use policy for the card. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

After discussion regarding options for recruiting personnel and managing pool operations, Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to create a combined pool director/public works position for up to 20 hours per week at \$20/hour. Voice vote showed all councilpersons present voting yes.

Lee moved and Olson seconded a motion to approve the scheduled pump tests for fire engines. Voice vote showed all council person voting yes.

Fire Chief Holden updated the council that he has spoken with District Administrator Olson at the school and has gotten permission to route ATVs through the school property for their upcoming ATV Ride fundraiser.

Olson moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve a Temporary Class "B" picnic license and Temporary Operator's license for the Glenwood City Fire Association for May 4, 2024. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Olson seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Rosenow
Clerk-Treasurer