MINUTE RECORD

CITY OF WEEPING WATER

MONTHLY MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2023

Mayor Michael Barrett called the monthly meeting of the Weeping Water City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members of the council answering roll: Charlie Cover, Sharon Heneger and Kelly Nutter. Absent: Lawrence Mozena. Notice of the monthly meeting was given in advance thereof by notice being posted in three prominent places in the city which included City Hall, Weeping Water Post Office and Weeping Water Express Lane. The posted location of the Open Meetings Act was noted by the mayor and a copy of all meeting materials was made available with the city clerk.

Motion by Cover, seconded by Nutter to approve the November 20, 2023 meeting minutes as prepared. On roll call those voting aye: Cover, Heneger and Nutter. Voting nay: none. Absent: Mozena. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports: Maintenance Department-General maintenance and repair work has been completed throughout the month. It was noted that new recycling carts are needed.

Lawrence Mozena entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Water/Wastewater Report-Water line repairs were made on River Street. Work will begin to start eliminating all meter pits. A Preliminary Engineering Report has been prepared by Olsson to submit to Water & Wastewater Advisory Committee to facilitate funding for water projects needed in the community. Fire Department-Three calls for the month. Items of note included approval of officers at the January meeting and the utility truck needs some repairs. Rescue Department-10 calls for the month. Questions regarding filing rescue calls online were addressed.

Motion by Mozena, seconded by Heneger to introduce on first reading by title only and to suspend the requirement to read the ordinance on three different days ORDINANCE NO. 685: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE ALL OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA BY ADOPTING THE NEBRASKA BASIC CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2023, TO REPEAL PRIOR ORDINANCES; TO REQUIRE FILINGS; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. On roll call those voting aye: Mozena, Cover, Heneger and Nutter. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Heneger, seconded by Nutter to adopt on third and final reading by title only Ordinance No. 685. On roll call those voting aye: Mozena, Cover, Heneger and Nutter. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. Said ordinance will be posted in the manner provided by law, with a true, correct and complete copy being on file in the city clerk’s office.

As part of the annual reorganization meeting, motion by Cover, seconded by Mozena to approve the following Appointments and Standing Committees for the ensuing year: Maintenance Supt.-Jeff Buffington; City Clerk/Treasurer-Linda Sheehan; City Attorney-Roger Johnson; City Engineer-Olsson; City Street Superintendent-Justin Stark; Water/Wastewater Maintenance-contracted through PeopleService; City Council President-Lawrence Mozena; Water/Wastewater Committee-Kelly Nutter and Lawrence Mozena; Streets/Alleys Committee-Charlie Cover and Sharon Heneger; Finance Committee-Mayor, Clerk and all Council Members; City Depositories-Farmers & Merchants Bank and First Nebraska Bank, Weeping Water, Nebraska. On roll call those voting aye: Mozena, Cover, Heneger and Nutter. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Following review of the City Boards & Committees, it was noted that the following have agreed to term renewals, which met with full council approval: Planning Board-Wyman Mather and Josie Newell; Housing Authority Board-Dixie Dobbs; Library Board-Susan Smith and Cindy Spilinek; Sales Tax Committee-Ray Frew; Diane Wade; Kay Gerdes; Matthew Neumann; Kat Cover; Michael Barrrett and Linda Sheehan. An additional member for the Sales Tax Committee will be considered at the January meeting. It was also noted that there is no longer going to be a Ballteam Committee.

Motion by Heneger, seconded by Mozena to approve the authorization of the city attorney to file a complaint on behalf of the city with the Better Business Bureaus in Nebraska and Arkansas regarding water line breaks caused by boring that was done by TH Construction subcontracting for Windstream. On roll call those voting aye: Mozena, Cover, Heneger and Nutter. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mozena, seconded by Cover to accept the bid of $100.00 by Larry Baier for two pieces of old playground equipment. On roll call those voting aye: Mozena, Cover, Heneger and Nutter. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Correspondence received was presented for council review after which motion by Mozena, seconded by Cover to accept the following claims: Salaries-14,994.40; American Legal, sup-695; Ameritas, emp ret-924.81; Baker & Taylor, bks-881.72; Ball Insurance, fire/res life ins-2,289.84; Utilities-Black Hills Energy-551.03; Oppd-4,815; Windstream-69.44; Veizon-574.78; Card Service Center, sup/pstg-339.33; Daktronics, warranty-1,060; Dana F. Cole, prof-2,000-Demco, sup-86.83; EFTPS, whlg-4,261.27; General Fire, prof-300; Immense Impact, prof-605; JP Cooke, sup-101.35; Linda Sheehan, mlg-44; Meeske Auto, sup-17.99; Mid-America Pest, prof-70; Roger Johnson, prof-1,085.38; S&L Trenching, rep-6,375; Sirkdot, prof-143; State of Nebraska, sls tx, whlg-1015.94; United Healthcare, ins-3,834.87; Meeske Hardware, sup-31.64; Chamber of Commerce, mtg-20; Matheson Tri-Gas, sup-165.42; Be the Light, sls tx alloc-15,000; Cass County Refuse, reimb-13,523.98; NDEE, well loan pmt-17,932.05; Olsson, prof-462.08; One Call, lct fees-42.32; PeopleService, prof-14,106; Payment Service Network, prof-287.68; Vern Westover, sup-1,478.58. On roll call those voting aye: Mozena, Cover, Heneger and Nutter. Voting nay: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held January 8, 2024 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

/s/Michael Barrett, Mayor

/s/Linda Sheehan, City Clerk