

Minutes
City Council
Monday, April 14th, 2025
5 pm

The meeting opened with the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pitzl called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with council members Amanda Guetter, Roger Baumann, and Mike Remiger present.

Also present were Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator Brandon Baune, City Attorney Matt Novak, Public Works Director Jim Jenniges, and Scott King.

Additions to the Agenda – Motion by Baumann, second by Guetter to approve the

EDA Update – Mr. Baune provided the EDA update. He noted that the Redwood County EDA Director will be attending next month's meeting to discuss grants and other opportunities to help support the EDA's initiatives. He also noted that there was no significant update on the past due RLF loans. Lastly, he noted that the EDA was conducting a survey about the areas residents feel they should focus their efforts on and results should be available next month.

Scott King – Mr. King voiced his concerns about the failing curb and gutter at his residence at 862 Pine Street. He explained that the water pools badly in that area and it resulted in getting water in their basement.

Mr. Miller of Bolton and Menk outlined some details on the issue as well as some possible solutions, ranging from replacing a couple of pieces of curb and gutter to replacing the curb and gutter along one or both sides of the entire block. Mr. Miller will be asking onsite crews if they have time to assist us with these issues and if so, what the costs for the various options would be. He will bring an update to the council next month.

Engineering Report – Mr. Miller provided the engineering report which included the following items:

1. **Sanitary Sewer System** – Mr. Miller noted that the spring 2025 kick-off meeting recently took place, and crews should be back in town in another month or so. It was the consensus of the council to have Mr. Miller call in crews ASAP to fix some of the graveled spots that have gotten very bad recently.
2. **Water Treatment Plant and New Well Project** – Mr. Miller noted that the kick-off meeting for the project took place earlier in the afternoon. He also noted some of the specifics about the project, including the fact that the city will be running off well water for several weeks beginning around late July. It was the consensus of the council to have Mr. Baune work with Mr. Miller and Bolton and Menk to construct a letter to residents explaining this and providing tips and tricks and other recommendations.

3. **GIS Mapping** – Mr. Miller explained the quote, which was included in the packet, including what GIS Mapping is, what they can do with the data, and other benefits to having these capabilities. Motion by Guetter, second by Baumann to approve the GIS Mapping Quote from Bolton & Menk in the amount of \$18,219.
Pitzl – yes, Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Clerk/Treasurer/Administrator – Mr. Baune provided the CTA Report which included the following items:

1. **125th Celebration Progress** – Mr. Baune noted that plans for the 125th were coming along nicely and that the next meeting should be happening shortly. He noted that some events should be finalized, and more advertising would be sent out.
2. **Eye-on-Water Ap** – Mr. Baune noted that he was pleased by the rollout of the ap. Between 20 and 30 residents had set up an account and few complaints were made about the process.
3. **Computer Upgrade** – Mr. Baune noted that the computer upgrade went well for the most part. There are still two programs which they need to access on the old systems, but they were working to get those transferred over. They have noticed a great deal of improvement since the upgrade.

Street Report – Mr. Baune and Mr. Jenniges provided a street report. They noted that street sweeping had begun. Other items pertaining to streets had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Water/Wastewater Report – Mr. Baune and Mr. Jenniges provided the water/wastewater report. It was noted that Mr. Jenniges would re-take his wastewater exam as soon as he was able to. Mr. Jenniges also noted a decrease in wastewater to the plant. This is likely do to the sanitary sewer upgrade.

Request for water – Mr. Jenniges and Mr. Baune also noted that a company inquired about the city providing water for them for a large project outside of town. They discussed some of the questions and concerns. It was the consensus of the council to gather further information for the council next meeting.

Parks Report – Mr. Baune provided the parks report, including the following topic:

1. **Football Field Maintenance Quote** – Mr. Kemp provided a quote to the city from B&L Lawn and Snow in the amount of \$5,350. Mr. Baune noted that a similar agreement was in place for the baseball field, split evenly by the city, ISD 640 and the Wabasso Baseball Association. The council voiced their concern about this quote, questioning the city vs. school's responsibility for maintaining the playing surface. Mr. Novak also noted that the 2024 Lease Agreement, which was also included in the packet for reference, had not been signed by all parties due to concerns with some of the specifics. It was a consensus of the council to host a meeting with all parties involved to discuss the issue as soon as possible.

John Deere 1025R Tractor Quote – Mr. Baune noted that this was the lawn mower which the city trades every year. There is a quote for a new tractor and deck in the amount of \$6,000. There is also a quote for two implements included in the amount of \$11,975. Motion by Remiger,

second by Guetter to approve the quote for new John Deere 1025 John Deere tractor and new deck quote in the amount of \$6,000.

Pitzl – yes, Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

Community Center Improvements – Mr. Baune had noted that Corey from CS Painting would be coming in the next week to paint the remaining exterior doors.

1. **Quote from Bierl Construction and Gramstad Lumber** – Mr. Baune noted that Bierl construction had reached out with news that they could finish the north wall of the community center this year. He presented a quote from Bierl Construction in the amount of \$21,500 and Gramstad Lumber in the amount of \$31,809.29. Motion by Guetter, second by Remiger to approve the quotes from Bierl Construction and Gramstad Lumber in the amounts of \$21,500 and \$31,809.29, respectively.
Pitzl – yes, Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger – yes

Consent Agenda – Motion by Guetter, second by Remiger to approve consent agenda as follows, with :

1. Approve Council Minutes – March 10th, 2025
2. Approve Building Permits for the following:
 - a. Derek Guetter – 866 Pine Street
 - b. Todd Horkey – 1458 Elm Street
 - c. Eric Schmidt – 2031 W Main Street
 - d. Roadhouse Bar and Grill – 713 Main Street
 - e. Angie Engebretsen – 671 Maple Street
3. Approve Angie Engebretsen application for chickens.

Pitzl – yes, Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

City Bills – Motion by Guetter, second by Baumann to approve the bills as follows:

General Checking

101 General Fund	\$10,738.68
225 Fire	\$2,086.98
230 Ambulance	\$3,850.49
320 USDA RD Sewer Rehab	\$30,000.00
601 Water	\$5,884.16
602 Sewer	\$7,718.99
603 Refuse (Garbage) Fund	<u>\$6,469.61</u>
Total Checks	\$66,748.91

Pitzl – yes, Guetter – yes; Baumann – yes; Remiger - yes

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Brandon Baune
Clerk/Treasurer Administrator