

City of Beaman
6:30 P.M. Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

The Beaman City Council met at the Beaman City Hall on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, for a regular Council meeting. Mayor Pro-Tempore Deb Ashton called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. Council Members present were Deb Ashton, Barry Brockman (via phone), Rhonda Rego, Jason Scafferi, and Brandon Schleisman. Others present: Bryan Moeller, Randy Daniel and City Clerk Denise Hoy. Deb Ashton led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA –Agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA Schleisman moved, Rego seconded, to approve of the following consent items: Minutes from the 11/13/2024 council meeting; Bills from 11/13-12/11, 2024; November Financial Reports. Ayes 5.

EXPENSES	PURPOSE	TOTAL
Baker & Taylor	Materials / Books	\$171.92
Card Services (2)	Purchases	\$54.03
U.S. Cellular	Services	\$43.49
U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	Copier payment	\$91.34
Quill Corporation	Library supplies	\$36.00
Hoopla	Library - Digital Downloads	\$117.96
Smart Apple Media	Library Books	\$79.85
Lakeview Books	Books	\$75.96
Premier Office Equipment	Library Copier	\$139.90
Farmers Savings Bank	Service Charge	\$5.70
Randy Daniel	November 2024 Contract	\$1,000.00
Card Services	October CC charges	\$254.27
Menards	Supplies	\$250.72
Butler-Grundy Development Alliance	FY2023-2024 Partner Contribution	\$534.00
Roberts, Stevens & Prendergast, PLLC	legal services	\$448.20
I.R.U.A.	Bulk Water	\$3,126.81
Hoy, Jordan	CPR training	\$200.00
Mull, Chad	Reimburse deposit	\$50.00
Runge, Robin	Reimburse hall rent	\$100.00
Conrad Auto Supply	Fire Truck	\$66.79
Ryan Ashton	Mowing	\$368.00
Ag Source Cooperative Services	Monthly testing	\$261.50
Heart of Iowa	phone / internet	\$78.11
Nutrien Ag Solutions	#1 Red Diesel	\$160.00
Alliant Energy	gas/electric	\$1,381.03
Arnold Motor Supply	supplies	\$52.99
New Century FS	fuel	\$41.37
Moler Sanitation	Services	\$125.00
U.S. Cellular	Services	\$34.48
	Accounts Payable Total	\$9,349.42
Ashton, Thomas G	Payroll - November	\$77.45

Dougherty, Sarah J	Payroll - November	\$839.13
Hoy, Denise L	Payroll - November	\$1,455.55
Moorman, David	Payroll - November	\$447.51
Walters, Chloe M	Payroll - November	\$223.76
	Payroll Total	\$3,043.40
	TOTAL EXPENSES 11/14-12/11, 2024	\$12,392.82
REVENUES		
General Fund	Receipts	\$3,244.32
Local Option Sales Tax	Receipts	\$1,521.24
Road Use Tax	Receipts	\$1,695.53
Employee Benefits	Receipts	\$111.84
Water Fund	Receipts	\$4,973.52
Sewer Fund	Receipts	\$7,825.96
NOVEMBER 2024	TOTAL REVENUES	\$14,398.89

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Fire – Bryan Moeller, Fire Chief, informed council that he is working with McQueen to get the fire fighters updated fit testing and the city clerk is working with Unity Point on fire physicals to meet requirements for work comp insurance. He also informed them that he planned to apply for a Community Foundation Grant for a new air pack and would like the council to consider using future LOST funds to purchase more. The current packs are 11 to 12 years old. Moeller also explained that he would like to see a new pumper truck in the 5–10-year capital plan as the current pumper is 25 years old. The grass rig will also need to be replaced soon as it is also aging.
2. Maintenance – no report.
3. Water & Sewer – Randy Daniel reported that there was a DNR water inspection and he is waiting for the report. He asked the council to consider a new lift station in their capital planning as the current one is 50 years old.
4. Library – minutes were included in the packet.
5. Sheriff – report was submitted.
6. Economic Development – no report.

BUSINESS

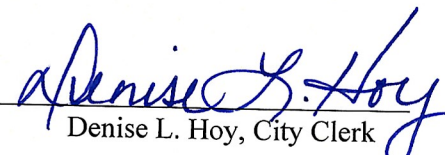
1. Kristen Kopsa requested a hearing regarding their water bill. Her November bill showed a credit that was incorrect. The council explained that there was a glitch in the software and that the credit was incorrect. Kopsa felt that she should receive the credit since it was on her bill. She was told that since she had no record of overpayment and the services were correctly listed on her account, the credit was not justified and that the credit was reversed on her next billing statement.
2. Ryan Ashton and Chad Dielschneider reported that approximately \$77,000 had been raised for the Conrad & Beaman Pickleball court improvement. This number includes \$22,000 pledged from the city of Beaman, and \$10,000 from the Beaman Betterment Club. The council was asked to consider a couple of options for the improvements: either an overlay with a small expansion which is estimated to cost \$52,000, or a total tear-out and replacement which may cost up to \$100,000. No decision or action was taken.
3. Council member Schleisman moved, seconded by Scafferi, to tear down the brick building sitting next to the tennis court. Ayes: 5.
4. City Clerk Hoy reported that INRCOG is currently setting up a meeting with Farmers Savings Bank to discuss the Homes for Iowa program.

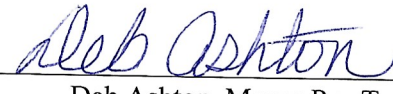
5. City Clerk Hoy updated the city council regarding the Iowa DNR Derelict Building grant process for property located at 209 Main Street. Hoy indicated that she would prefer to work with Simmering-Cory on the grant process as they are very progressive in seeking the grant writing. The following action was taken.
 - a. Council member Scafferi moved, seconded by Rego, to enter into an agreement with Simmering-Cory for the writing and administration of the Iowa Derelict Building Grant for the not to exceed cost of \$1,500. Ayes: 5.
 - b. And as discussed and presented in November, Council member Scafferi moved to accept a quote from Hawkeye Environmental, Solon, IA for asbestos surveying, sampling and reporting at 209 Main Street. Ayes: 5.
6. The City Council acknowledged a notice of receipt of application for voluntary annexation of land east of Steckelberg's Vet Clinic to the City of Conrad. By law Beaman must be notified because it is located within 2 miles of the annexation.
7. Council member Scafferi reported that he is still working on getting repairs to the sheetrock done at the Beaman Memorial Hall.
8. Nuisance Ordinances / Abatement updated: A letter from city attorney Heather Pendergast indicating that the 657A process at 104 Center Street was in the 60-day waiting period.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business evident, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk


Deb Ashton, Mayor Pro-Tempore