

Forest City Council Minutes
August 5, 2024

Mayor Ron Holland called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Brad Buffington, Carly Carper, Dan Davis, Marcia Tweeten, AJ Welch, Karl Wooldridge, Tony Mikes, Absent: none.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, second by Marcia Tweeten to approve the following consent agenda items: 08/05/2024 Agenda, Council Minutes 07/15/2024, 7/15/24 Park Board minutes, 5/15/24 and 6/19/24 Library Board minutes, Liquor License Renewal for VIP Too and Invoices as presented, carried unanimously.

Cindy Rosa, the YMCA director, gave an update on the childcare programs at the YMCA. Due to staffing shortages, there are waiting lists at each of the facilities. There was then a motion by Karl Wooldridge, seconded by AJ Welch to approve funding of \$25,000.00 for the YMCA childcare program, carried unanimously.

Motion by Tony Mikes, second by Dan Davis to approve street closure requests from Immanuel Lutheran Church on Aug 20th and Sept 4th both from 4-7:30pm, carried unanimously.

Julianna Burkholder, Chamber Director, shared information about the Sept 8th Motor Night event. There was then a motion by Karl Wooldridge, second by Brad Buffington to approve Motor Night Street Closures, carried unanimously.

Motion by Brad Buffington, second by Karl Wooldridge to approve a Professional Services Agreement with SEH for the Park Street Sanitary Sewer Design and Bidding, not to exceed \$11,000, carried unanimously.

Motion by Marcia Tweeten, second by Karl Wooldridge to approve the FY25 Transit Agreement with NIACOG, carried unanimously.

Motion by Brad Buffington, second by Tony Mikes to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 847 Amending Chapter 69.07 of the Code of Ordinances Adding a Handicapped Parking Space in the First Parking Stall located in the Southwest corner of the Municipal Parking Lot Located in Block 33, Original Town, Forest City, Iowa, Ayes: Brad Buffington, Carly Carper, Dan Davis, Tony Mikes, Marcia Tweeten, AJ Welch, Karl Wooldridge, Nays: none.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, seconded by Marcia to wave the 2nd and 3rd reading of Ordinance 847 Amending Chapter 69.07 of the Code of Ordinances Adding a Handicapped Parking Space in the First Parking Stall located in the Southwest corner of the Municipal Parking Lot Located in Block 33, Original Town, Forest City, Iowa, Ayes: Brad Buffington,

Carly Carper, Dan Davis, Tony Mikes, Marcia Tweeten, AJ Welch, Karl Wooldridge, Nays: none.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, seconded by Marcia Tweeten to pass and adopt Ordinance 847 Amending Chapter 69.07 of the Code of Ordinances Adding a Handicapped Parking Space in the First Parking Stall located in the Southwest corner of the Municipal Parking Lot Located in Block 33, Original Town, Forest City, Iowa, Ayes: Brad Buffington, Carly Carper, Dan Davis, Tony Mikes, Marcia Tweeten, AJ Welch, Karl Wooldridge, Nays: none.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, second by Carly Carper to approve Resolution 24-25-6 Setting Additional Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Salaries, Ayes: Brad Buffington, Carly Carper, Dan Davis, Tony Mikes, Marcia Tweeten, AJ Welch, Karl Wooldridge, Nays: none.

Motion by Tony Mikes, second by Karl Wooldridge to approve Resolution 24-25-7 Authorizing Submission of a REAP grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Yellow Bridge Restoration Project, Ayes: Brad Buffington, Carly Carper, Dan Davis, Tony Mikes, Marcia Tweeten, AJ Welch, Karl Wooldridge, Nays: none.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, second by Carly Carper to approve a quote from Nelson P&H for a new air conditioner for the Line Shed at a cost of \$4,722.00, carried unanimously.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, second by Carly Carper to approve a quote from River City Communication for a fire alarm system at the Light Plant at a cost of \$22,931.26, carried unanimously.

Motion by Dan Davis, second by Tony Mikes to approve a quote from Ziegler CAT for a new hydraulic stump grinder at a cost of \$9,100.00, carried unanimously.

Motion by AJ Welch, second by Carly Carper to approve a quote from Star Equipment for a 2020 Durapatcher at a cost of \$54,500.00, carried unanimously.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, second by Dan Davis to approve cleaning J Street ditches (345th Street) east of Golf Course Road at an estimated cost of \$3,500, carried unanimously.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, second by Dan Davis to approve the following Mayoral appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: Tony Mikes (alternate Carly Carper), Daisy Huffman, Beth Bilyeu, Jim Benson (P&Z Chair), Darwin Lehman, Bob Alsop, Ray Beebe and Jen Jenkins, carried unanimously.

Joe Farris spoke on his water bill usage. This will be on the 08-19-2024 Agenda.

Staff Reports:

Chief Tom Montgomery reported on the possible mountain lion spotting at the South end of the Hynes Spur Trail. Trail cameras have been installed to monitor the area. National Night Out is August 6th in Pammel Park from 5-7 pm. The new police car is in but still needs to be equipped. The K-9 program received two more grants, one from the Hanson Foundation and the other from Vested Interest organization.

Andrew Faber reported that the new recycling company is going well. Progress is being made on the street projects. The Tree Doctor is in town treating for the EAB.

Kevin Reicks shared that several small water and sewer projects are complete.

Duane Kuhn reported that they have been busy painting and doing maintenance on the Light Plant building, replacing steps in the back with steel steps and rails. The Linemen have been busy fixing streetlights and poles in Westgate. Holland Contracting is working on the Line shed.

Motion by Karl Wooldridge, second by Dan Davis to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm, carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Daisy Huffman, City Clerk/Administrator

Ronald Holland, Mayor