Maharishi Vedic City

Minutes of a City Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 2:30 PM

City Hall, 1750 Maharishi Center Avenue

Present: Mayor Rogers Badgett, Councilmembers Steve Boss, Kara Anastasio, Leslee Goldstein, Marty Hulsebos (In person and by Zoom as it was impractical for all to attend in person due to the on-going concern by the council for COVID-19.)

Absent: Chris Johnson

Present in Addition: Loraine Przybylski

Mayor Badgett called the meeting to order.

1. Silence—Three minutes of silence was taken.
2. Public Comments—None.
3. Presentation by Alecs Schmidt Mickunas, New Director, Fairfield Public Library—Mr. Mickunas reported on updates at the library.
4. Minutes—Hulsebos moved, Goldstein seconded, to approve minutes from a meeting held on May 10, 2023; Ayes: Boss, Anastasio, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
5. Receipts and Claims—Anastasio moved, Goldstein seconded, to approve the report. Ayes: Boss, Anastasio, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
6. Treasurer’s Report—Anastasio moved, Goldstein seconded, to approve the report. Ayes: Boss, Anastasio, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
7. Consideration of Resolution 20230524A to Establish a Purchasing Policy—Anastasio moved, Boss seconded, to approve Resolution 20230524A. Ayes: Boss, Anastasio, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
8. Consideration of Resolution 20230524B to Renew Area 15 Membership—Anastasio moved, Hulsebos seconded, to approve Resolution 20230524B. Ayes: Boss, Anastasio, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
9. Consideration of Additional Expenses not to Exceed $400 to Complete Painting of City Hall Program Rooms—Goldstein moved, Hulsebos seconded, to approve additional expenses not to exceed $400 to complete painting of City Hall program rooms. Ayes: Boss, Anastasio, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
10. Consideration of Jorge’s Lawn and Landscaping to Mow City Hall for $60, Observatory Entrance for $20, and Observatory for $85 for 2023—Anastasio moved, Hulsebos seconded, to approve Jorge’s Lawn and Landscaping to mow City Hall for $60, Observatory entrance for $20, and Observatory for $85. Ayes: Boss, Anastasio, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
11. Consideration of 2023 ICAP Grant Application Item to Repair Doors to Balcony at City Hall—Referred to Public Safety and Public Works Committee.
12. Committee Reports—Community Outreach: Mr. Hulsebos reported on the new City welcome sign and development of procedures for email communication to the community. Public Safety and Public Works Committee: Ms. Goldstein reported on meeting with Jefferson County Emergency Management Services to discuss emergency alert system. Community and Economic Development Committee: Mr. Boss and Mayor Badgett reported on road inspection and Kathy Petersen and Mr. Boss reported on road classifications and 28E Agreement with Jefferson County for road maintenance. Mr. Boss suggested the Mayor send a letter to MIU to discuss return of Vedic Observatory to the university and Council concurred. Mr. Boss reported on upcoming meeting with Wapello Rural Water Association on May 30 to discuss water situation at former Pandit Campus. Finance and City Administration Committee: Mr. Boss reported the Committee is reviewing current matters and establishing priorities.
13. Mayor and Council Comments—Mr. Boss reported the Working Session on Committees needs to schedule a meeting to discuss Committee membership.

Mayor Badgett adjourned the meeting.

Rogers Badgett, Mayor

Loraine Przybylski, City Clerk

