**Maharishi Vedic City**

Minutes of a City Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 2:30pm

City Hall 1750 Maharishi Center Ave

Maharishi Vedic City, IA 52556

Present: Mayor Rogers Badgett, City Council Members: Chris Johnson (Via Zoom), Tim Fitz-Randolph, Leslee Goldstein,

Kathy Petersen, Maureen Wynne.

Also Present: City Clerk Nichole Liveston, Nupur Maheshwari

1. Three Minutes of Silence—Three minutes of silence was taken.
2. Public Comments—None were heard.
3. Consider Approving Minutes—Maureen Wynne moved, Tim Fitz-Randolph seconded, to approve the minutes from meetings held on January 15 and January 22, 2025. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Motion carried.
4. Consider Approving Receipts and Claims—Kathy Petersen moved, Maureen Wynne seconded, to approve the report. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Motion carried.
5. Consider Treasurer's Report—Postponed.
6. Consider Maximum Levy Rate—Nupur Maheshwari reported on the new legislation passed for the Maximum Levy Rate. Kathy Petersen moved, Leslee Goldstein seconded, to set a Maximum Levy Rate of 3. 94571% for the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: Johnson. Motion carried.
7. Consider Setting Date for Public Hearing for Maximum Levy Rate—Kathy Petersen moved, Leslee Goldstein seconded, to approve Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 2:15pm as the date and time for Maximum Levy Rate Hearing. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Motion carried.
8. Consider ClerkBooks Quote for Municipal Software—Council discussed the City’s current software and Clerkbook’s new accounting software. Kathy Petersen moved, Maureen Wynne seconded, to approve a quote of $4,800 for setting up Maharishi Vedic City’s conversion to Clerkbook’s new accounting software and estimated monthly fees of $70.04. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: none. Motion carried.
9. Consider Creating Facilities Manager Position—The council discussed the need to create a position to manage and maintain the City Hall, Maharishi Vedic Observatory, City trails, walkways, and streets, and to act as a liaison for utilities, etc. Maureen Wynne moved, Leslee Goldstein seconded, to create the Facilities Manager Position, to fund the position from the General Fund, Special Revenues Funds, including Road Use Tax, and Business Funds, and to publish the position. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein,

Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Motion carried.

1. Consider City Clerk Position—The council discussed shifting some of the City Clerk’s responsibilities like management and maintenance of City Hall to the new Facilities Manager position. Kathy Petersen moved, Tim Fitz-Randolph seconded, to modify the City Clerk job description. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Motion carried.
2. Consider Donating Furniture—Kathy Petersen moved, Leslee Goldstein seconded, to approve donating a reception counter to Prairie Village to use in their library. Ayes: Johnson, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Abstain: Fitz-Randolph. Motion carried.
3. Consider Replacing Flooring in Storage Closet—Chris Johnson moved, Leslee Goldstein seconded, to remove the carpet from the utility closet and to paint the floor at a cost not to exceed $100. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Motion carried.
4. Consider Mandala Lighting Project— Maureen Wynne presented plans to install 280 solar lights to define perimeters of the Mandalas and the Brahmasthan. Kathy Petersen moved, Leslee Goldstein seconded, to purchase four sample lights to evaluate for the project. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Motion carried.
5. Consider Appointing Cliff Rose as a Member of Parks, Recreation and Celebrations Committee—Leslee Goldstien moved, Tim Fitz-Randolph seconded, to appoint Cliff Rose as new member of Park, Recreation and Celebrations Subcommittee. Ayes: Johnson, Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne. Nays: None. Motion carried.
6. Consider Approving City Staff to Attend Grant Writing Workshop—No action taken.
7. Discuss Creating a Comprehensive 5-year Plan and Street Plan— The council discussed researching and creating a street plan.
8. Report on ICAP Invoice—Kathy Petersen reported on changes to the City’s insurance policy premium including the addition of cyber liability insurance.
9. Report on Homeowners Association Agreement on LL Pelling Proposal—Nichole Liveston reported that the homeowner’s associations for 1752A, 1752B, and 1752C Maharishi Center Avenue agreed to responsibility for paying for their portion of the parking lot resurfacing to be done by LL Pelling in 2025.
10. Report on Road Use Tax—Postponed.
11. Report on Status of Bike Walking Trails and Central Road—Chris Johnson reported on the progress of plans to create walkways adjacent to busy streets and connect them to trails in the city.
12. Subcommittee Reports—Leslee Goldstein, chair of the Park, Recreation and Celebrations subcommittee reported on a meeting with Area 15 Regional Planning concerning trails. A meeting is scheduled Friday, February 14, 2025, at 3:00pm with Steve Pedrick chair of Jefferson County Trails Council.
13. Mayor and Council Comments—None were heard.

Mayor Badgett adjourned the meeting.

Mayor, Rogers Badgett

City Clerk, Nichole Liveston

