

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

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

Roll call showed the following aldermen in attendance: Evans, Larson, Reinhart, and Withers. Also in attendance were Mayor Bill Ingold, treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen, Police Chief Cornett, Attorney Marc Miller, Water/sewer Supervisor Bob Carleton, Street/Alley Supervisor Jesse Houtzel, and members of the audience.

The Mayor led the meeting in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Mayor Ingold asked if there were any changes, corrections or additions that needed made to the minutes from the January Council meeting. Alderman Evans motioned to accept the minutes. Alderman Reinhart seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

LIST OF CLAIMS

Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve the list of claims, including the claim for EIEC. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Alderman Evans, Larson, Reinhart, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT REGISTER

The reports have been emailed to all Aldermen. Alderman Withers made a motion to approve the Treasure's Report and Investment Register. Alderman Larson seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ingold shared his condolences and sadness of the passing of Teri Hancock. He shared that she was a very involved member of our community, spearheading Christmas parade each year and being very involved in the Pride sound system. She was dearly loved, and will be missed.

FINANCE/BUDGET – ALDERMAN WILSON

The topic of non-union employee salaries was moved to the adjourned meeting on June 27th.

PUBLIC WORKS – ALDERMAN WITHERS

Water/Sewer Dept. Supervisor Bob Carleton shared information on well testing. The cost to do the testing would start out at \$49,500. Which does not include anything that may need fixed. Carleton shared that the cost of total services: \$18,350.00. He also shared that he is looking to get another estimate, hopefully before the next council meeting. Alderman Withers moved to table this discussion until the next meeting.

Carleton shared information on refurbishing the standpipe. There was an inspection done last year on the standpipe, and it was recommended then that by 2024 the standpipe be refurbished. The potential costly part of the refurbish will be if there is lead paint present and trying to contain the paint during the sandblasting.

Carleton shared that they also received information from Mike Friend of Farnsworth on the estimated cost to replace the 3-way valve. \$13,000 design and \$8,000 for installation

Street/Alley Dept. Supervisor Jesse Houtzel shared that recently Emily from the Farnsworth group was out working with the street dept. on surveying the storm water drains.

Houtzel shared that they will start working on building sidewalks and curbs in the needed areas. He also stated that the playground equipment insulation is complete at Bixby Park, and the zip line is ready for setup tomorrow.

Mayor Ingold shared that he will be sending an email to the Alderman from Houtzel and Bob about projects that need to be done.

Carleton shared that Alderman Larson asked for a tour of the water/sewer department. They will begin their tour at 1pm on the June 23rd.

Mayor Ingold invited the Council to come to Market St. on the 23rd for the WCIA ribbon cutting for the Street Scape. He shared that there will be activities for children along with food trucks and other activities.

Alderman Withers stated that the discussion on the MTF bids will be tabled until the June 27th adjourned meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY – ALDERMAN PACEY

Chef Cornett shared that he has completed the employee evaluations as well as the City clean up is coming to an end.

He shared that the License Plate Readers are supposed to be installed by June 16th. They have flags placed where the readers are supposed to be installed, but he does not foresee the installation being completed by then.

CITY PROPERTY – ALDERMAN EVANS

The bid proposal for the property located at 137 W. Oak St. was tabled until the July meeting.

Attorney Marc Miller shared that for the banned boring; the city could just banned boring on the weekends or they could institute a permit requirement for boring.

LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE – ALDERMAN GEIKEN

COMMUNITY – ALDERMAN LARSON

Alderman Larson shared that she has started meeting with groups within the community. She already attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ALDERMAN COX

The council tabled the discussions of Atlantic Ag Aviation, Inc., Jon and Cathy Whitcomb, and Bijoux hair salon until the adjourned meeting on the 27th.

LONG TERM PLANNING – ALDERMAN REINHART

OTHER

Alderman Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting until June 27th. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Murray
City Clerk