

City Council Meeting  
September 6, 2022

The Fergus Falls City Council held a regular meeting on Tuesday September 6, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. Pastor Eric Uggerud gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Schierer called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm and the following council members were in attendance: Thompson, Arneson, Gustafson, Hicks, Hagberg, Kvamme and Rufer. Fish was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion and second were made by Hagberg and Arneson to approve tonight's agenda with the removal of the proclamation and the correction of a typo in the language of an item on the consent agenda and the motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were approved under **Resolution #171-2022** by Gustafson: Motion approving the minutes from the August 15, 2022 City Council meeting and the August 31, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion approving the following licenses: Excavator Ottertail Aggregate, Outdoor Renovations Landscape & Nursery Inc.; Full On Sale Liquor Gunpowder, El Loro; Mechanical Elite Heating and Air, JS Service. **Resolution #172-2022** declaring various Information Systems equipment as surplus property and authorizing its disposal or trade-in value. **Resolution #173-2022** initiating PI 5327, the Broadway: Fir to Lincoln street resurfacing project and accepting Interstate Engineering's professional services agreement for final design and construction administration in the amount of \$100,000. **Resolution #174-2022** accepting the state/federal grant agreement for PI 9349, the airport runway, taxiway and apron crack fill/joint repairs project. **Resolution #175-2022** authorizing staff to execute the permanent ingress/egress easement for PI 9771, the closed landfill between the city and Amy Shol and authorize providing \$3,500 in compensation for said easement. Motion authorizing the placement of temporary signage throughout the community. **Resolution #176-2022** accepting a \$500 donation for the Fergus Falls Fire Department from the Minnesota High School Rodeo Association. **Resolution #177-2022** approving an encroachment agreement with Sky Crew Services to place a sign on city property. **Resolution #178-2022** approving a Conditional Use Permit for an electronic message board in a B-2 zone located at 719 E Vernon Avenue as requested by Dairy Queen. **Resolution #179-2022** approving a variance to build an addition (deck) not meeting the required front yard setback at 724 Spruce Street as requested by Lee Lutt. Motion appointing Councilman Hicks to meet with Fergus Falls Township to discuss a joint resolution for the annexation of 96.55 acres. The resolution was seconded by Hagberg and was adopted.

Hicks asked for an item to be removed from the consent agenda and stated his preference staff do not devote time or resources to investigating a proposed roadway from County Highway 210 to County Highway 1. He felt staff time should be focused on working on our existing streets and infrastructure. A motion and second were made by Hicks and Thompson to put a proposed roadway from the County Highway 210 and 29 to County Highway 1 and the Water Plant Road on the city's Capital Improvement Plan, but to devote no staff time or resources to exploring the project at this time and the motion carried.

### **2023 Fee Schedule**

At last week's Committee of the Whole meeting, the proposed 2023 fee schedule was presented. Since that review, staff are recommending not implementing a \$250 fee for a street closure and clarified a food truck license will include the ability to access city utilities. Hicks asked for a change in the city's rental registration program to reward the good landlords and add penalties for violations of the City Code. Kvamme asked that more consideration be given to the rental fee for using the Police Department's community room. Staff will be bringing more information back to the council pertaining to the rental registration program and community room at a later date. Hicks offered **Resolution #180-2022** adopting the 2023 fee schedule, which was seconded by Thompson and was adopted.

### **Claims**

The City Attorney gave an update on a blighted property that the city obtained a court order to demolish, and the Public Works Director provided an update on the roof of the picnic shelter at Roosevelt Park that was damaged by hail earlier this year. Hagberg offered a resolution authorizing the payments and claims in the amount of \$3,360,013.85, which was seconded by Kvamme and was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

*Lynne Olson*