

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023**

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street

Council Members Present:

Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, and Councilor Dennis Sickles. Councilor Lori Jean Sickles was absent.

Staff Present:

City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal

AGENDA**ACTION****Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations**

Mayor Bailey thanked all the volunteers involved with the Mental Health Happy Dance event. He thanked all the volunteers that helped with the clean up day as it was a huge success with over 60 loads from volunteer trips. He thanked Councilor Jirovec for her work on the budget and the process.

Council President Houghtaling presented Mayor Bailey with a proclamation for his community work and bravery for his heroic efforts with the fire on April 29, 2023.

Mr. Foscoli presented Mayor Bailey with a Certificate of Appreciation for his community work and bravery for his heroic efforts with the fire on April 29, 2023.

Public Comment

Mayor Bailey opened the Public Comments at 6:06 p.m.

Tracy Young, 68 Prospect
She reported the Dayton house was throwing a pump in creek and getting water. She noted she appreciated the dangerous building ordinance and had spoken with the City Manager regarding 171 Dayton and the building not having an occupancy certificate.

Mayor Bailey mentioned that the City and Council were taking the situation very seriously and looking at ways to get everything cleaned up.

Ms. Young also noted that the County Sheriff was looking for Van Sandavol and the gold mustang in town was parked at 171 Dayton Street and had been speeding down Prospect and hanging out with all the druggies. She mentioned Randy

	<p>Moore was having strange cars in front of his place and she was sure he was dealing drugs.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted he talked with a Deputy the day before and the Sheriff had the make, model and license plate.</p> <p>Jeremy Gordon, 180 Dayton He noted he was in favor of the recommendation to declare 171 Dayton as a nuisance. He mentioned there had been numerous nuisances over the years. He stated 171 Dayton had no water or power for over a year and now they were stealing water from the creek. He indicated he had stayed in contact with Milan Miller, but he was very unresponsive.</p> <p>Ms. Young stated the chronic nuisance ordinance outlines it well.</p> <p>Mr. Gordon advised that if the Mayor wanted to create a committee this summer to look at legal options for nuisance and dangerous buildings he would volunteer.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the Public Comments at 6:20 p.m.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) May 1, 2023 Minutes b) Noise Application 	<p>It was moved by Councilor Meier to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor D Sickles and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Backus to approve the Noise Application as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Council President Houghtaling and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mayor's Report b) Councilor Comments 	<p>Mayor Bailey had no comments.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec mentioned the LCB handicap rails need new paint and the building needed address numbers. She noted the signage for the</p>

	<p>building was being decided. She stated the supplemental needed to be scheduled, and an additional supplemental needed to be scheduled for October or November of 2023. She asked if a timeline for nurse's cottage progress could be presented to Council.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked if Mr. Bathke could give the Council an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Jirovec to instruct the City manager to obtain a timeline of the nurse's cottage for the coffee shop. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling stated she would like to pay Councilor Jirovec for her hard work and long hours working on the budget.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec stated she charged \$60 an hour.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling reported she had 27 hours. She noted that Councilor Jirovec could recuse herself from the vote.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to pay Councilor Jirovec for her hourly wage on her budget work. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 4-0 with Councilors Backus, Meier, D Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES. Councilor Jirovec abstained from the vote.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fire Report b) Sheriff Report c) Public Works Reports d) City Manager's Report 	<p>Councilor Jirovec asked if the burn ban was in effect. Mr. Miner announced that it wasn't.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted he had seen an increase in vandalism.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project, LCB, Code enforcement interested in helping as Falls City liaison, towing,</p>

e) Abatement of Nuisance

safe routes to school project, community center roof leak, and excessive domestic sewer pumping.

Mr. Foscoli noted the loan for \$1.25 million could be forgiven up to \$600,000 which would incur a smaller increase in sewer customers. He stated the project was moving forward with construction and permits. He reported the SRTS costs have doubled and the City would need an additional \$600-700,000 to complete the project. He indicated that one option was to change the scope of project and resubmit, but the ultimate decision was up to ODOT to define.

Council President Houghtaling asked if anything could have been done differently. Mr. Foscoli explained that a few property owners were stalling and fighting property lines so two months was lost due to that.



Councilor Jirovec mentioned that there were infrastructure grants through the State and maybe through the COG and that she would do some research.

Mr. Teal thanked all the volunteers and stated that 200 vehicles dropped off trash, 145 un-rimmed tires and 22 rimmed tires were all disposed of at the cleanup.

Mr. Foscoli reported that on April 29th fire burned the garage at 171 Dayton Street devastatingly, as well as impacting neighboring garages. He mentioned that it wasn't considered a dwelling by the County, but also the building had no occupancy certificate to revoke. He noted it had been more than a month and the code stated that it must be cleaned up in 14 days or the property can be deemed a nuisance. He stated he had spoken with the city attorney, and this was the best course of action.

Mr. Gordon stated the dangerous building ordinance would be a good investment. He noted the property owner was illegally renting to someone with no utilities and the ordinance would force property owner to make safe for

	<p>tenants. He suggested putting a lien on the property.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli stated this was a good first step then we could add the dangerous building ordinance.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked if the dangerous building ordinance needed to be approved by the Public Works Committee. Mr. Foscoli noted that he had made the necessary changes, but in the interest of time he would bring it directly to Council.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey advised that everyone understand that properties need to be improved on and whatever we needed to do to increase the quality of life for everyone in town.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles stated it would be beneficial to pass the dangerous building ordinance next month.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles that the Falls City City Council declare the nuisance at 171 Dayton issue abatement notice and have issued such notice post and mail notice as specified in the code. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting yes.</p>
<p>Resolutions a) Resolution 04-2023</p>	<p>Councilor Backus indicated that on the bottom of page one it should read \$3,300 not \$3,00. Mr. Foscoli noted that was correct and that the math at bottom of the second page was correct.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked about a supplemental. Mr. Foscoli noted it would be up to the Council to set the day.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to adopt the contract award authorization as presented in the resolution with the change from \$3,00 to \$3,300. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES. Councilor Jirovec</p>

	abstained from the vote due to an actual conflict of interest.
Good of the Order	<p>Councilor Jirovec reported that the RDI visioning meetings were being moved back to later in the year due to scheduling issues.</p> <p>Councilor Backus asked if Falls City was getting MINET in town. Mayor Bailey stated unfortunately Falls City did all the testing, but they were not coming here. Mr. Foscoli mentioned that the County provided MINET with \$30,000 to do a feasibility study, but from outside of Falls City. He noted we were always collaborating with the County and always open to possibilities.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli asked about a Council meeting for the supplemental resolution. Councilor Jirovec suggested June 20 at 6 pm. Mayor Bailey noted he would be virtually attending. It was decided to have the Council meeting at the community center.</p>
Adjourn	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.
<p>Read and approved this <u>10</u> day of <u>July</u> 2023.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	