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<p>FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022</p>	
<p>The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:06 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.</p>	
<p>Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Jennifer Drill, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles</p>	
<p>Staff Present: Mayor TJ Bailey, City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal</p>	
AGENDA	ACTION
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations	There were none.
Public Comment	There were none.
<p>Public Hearing Variance 2021-02: 206 Pine Street Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. Staff Report:</p> <p>Comments from Council</p> <p>Comments from Public</p> <p>Rebuttal</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.</p>	<p>Mr. Jenkins gave his staff report regarding the variance 2021-02 of setback requirements. There were none</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked if emergency vehicles would make it through the property. Mr. Jenkins stated there were no concerns from the Fire Department.</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Sickles to adopt Variance 21-02 with conditions. The motion was duly seconded by Council President Houghtaling and carried with a vote of 6-0.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda a) Departmental Year to Date Statements</p>	<p>Councilor Jirovec gave a quick overview of how a city budget for each department would look and how to read it.</p>
<p>REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS a) Election of Council President</p>	<p>Councilor Drill nominated Councilor Houghtaling. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Dennis Sickles and carried with a vote of 6-0.</p>

<p>Mayor Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Parks & Rec Committee Report c) Public Works Committee Report d) Historic Landmark Committee Report <p>Councilor Comments</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey gave his verbal report to the Council.</p> <p>Parks & Rec Committee had no report.</p> <p>Public Works Committee had no report.</p> <p>Historic Landmark Committee had no report.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling announced the Health Fair would be January 21 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the community center.</p>
<p>REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER & STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Falls City Fire Report b) Polk County Sherriff Report c) Falls City Public Works Report d) City Manager 	<p>Chief Young stated the Toys for Tots was a huge success in 2021 and were on schedule for another successful year in 2022.</p> <p>He noted he would like to start planning for the future of the fire dept. He reported that 122 was bought with \$25,000, but was on a downhill slide, and repairs were starting to add up. He stated his goal was a quicker more mobile unit that anyone could drive. He mentioned that firefighting had changed over the years with more medical calls and a brush truck could fulfill all those needs. He noted that a new truck ordered in May of 2021 wouldn't be delivered until June of 2022 and that he would like to move forward with the levy for 2023.</p> <p>Chief reported that the fire department had been assisting SW Polk with calls with no mutual aid agreement. He noted that a new plan was needed, and reimbursement was important. He noted that Falls City had been on 91 calls for SW Polk with no compensation.</p> <p>Councilor Sickles asked if the board had been notified. Chief stated that they had and there had been no response. He also noted that SW Polk pulled \$25,000 out of the fire budget when they cancelled their mutual aid agreement with Falls City. Council President Houghtaling stated the fire department needed to push for the May 2022 election for operating costs. Councilor Jirovec suggested \$1.25 per thousand for the levy.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Meier to pursue a fire levy for \$1.25 per thousand for the May 2022 election. Councilor Drill duly seconded the motion</p>

	<p>and was carried by a vote of 6-0.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey suggested a workshop or committee to sit down with SW Polk to discuss reimbursement. Council President Houghtaling suggested coming up with a list of call with costs to present to SW Polk.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to direct staff (Chief Young, Assistant Chief Volk Greve, and City Manager Foscoli) start conversations with SW Polk regarding reimbursements. Councilor Sickles duly seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 6-0.</p> <p>Chief Young stated the Falls City needed adequate protection for the town moving forward. Council President Houghtaling asked the cost of a new brush truck. Chief Young noted the truck would cost \$96,000. Council President Houghtaling asked if the down could be made when the levy was passed. Chief Young mentioned that the bootleg fire money might work. Councilor Drill asked if the ARPA funds could be used for the down payment. City Manager Foscoli stated the regulations are changing daily and it could be a possibility.</p> <p>City Manager gave his report to the Council. Mr. Foscoli stated the property at 139 Sheldon was offered to Falls City from the County for \$1.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to direct the City Manager to agree to purchase the 2.3 acre parcel of land at 139 Sheldon Ave. for the price of \$1 from Polk County. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Drill and carried with a vote of 6-0.</p>
<p>RESOLUTIONS Resolution 1-2022: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEW MONTHLY SEWER RATES ON JANUARY 10, 2022</p>	<p>City Manager Foscoli presented his staff report for Resolution 1-2022. He noted that Polk County expressed helping with the cost of the project.</p> <p>A roll call was taken and Mayor Bailey declared Resolution 1-2022 to have PASSED with a vote of 6-0 with Councilors Drill, Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>GOOD OF THE ORDER</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey thanked the council for their patience and diligence.</p>

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Read and approved this 14 day of February 2022.

Mayor: _____



ATTEST:

City Recorder: _____

