



<b>FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL</b>		<b>MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023</b>
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street		
<b>Council Members Present:</b> Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles. Councilor Dennis Sickles arrived at 6:04 pm. Council President Amy Houghtaling was excused.		
<b>Staff Present:</b> City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal		
<b>AGENDA</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations &amp; Proclamations</b>		Mayor Bailey thanked the Falls City Fire Department, the Dallas Fire Department, SW Polk Fire Department, Salem Fire Department, and the Polk County Fire District #1 for their heroic work on Saturday, April 29 <sup>th</sup> with the fires in Falls City and presented each department with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City.
<b>Public Comment</b>		Mayor Bailey opened the Public Comments at 6:07 p.m.  Dana Schowalter, 180 Dayton, thanked the fire departments for their quick response and for saving her home. She also thanked Mayor Bailey for all his help spraying the neighboring buildings help save it.  Mayor Bailey closed the Public Comments at 6:10 p.m.
<b>Public Hearing</b> a) Variance 22-03 – 210 Terrace		Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:13 pm
Staff Report		Mr. Whyte presented the staff report regarding 210 Terrace and the 10-foot setback variance for Mr. Martinez.
Applicant Report		Mr. Martinez agreed with Mr. Whyte's staff report and had nothing to add.
Public Comments		Scott Jarmer, 315 Fairview, noted he had reviewed the packet showing the setback and add that Mr. Martinez plans would be an incredible improvement to the community and neighborhood.

<p>Applicant Rebuttal</p>	<p>Abigail Richardson, 236 Fairview, stated that Mr. Martinez had done an excellent job clearing the lot. She noted that what he would be doing would bring value to the community.</p> <p>Nathan Cook, 319 Fairview, stated he was in support of Mr. Martinez and what he would do would be good for the neighborhood.</p> <p>Mr. Martinez thanked everyone for their support.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:23 pm</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Backus to approve Variance 2022-03 based on the findings in response to the applicable approval criteria and exhibits to the record, with the one condition as identified in the staff report. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier. The motion was carried with ROLL CALL vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and LJ Sickles voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b> a) April 10, 2023 Minutes</p>	<p>It was moved by Councilor Meier to approve the Consent Agenda 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 LJ Sickles voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</b> b) Mayor's Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey thanked the Polk County Sheriff for their response to the fires on Saturday. He thanked all the volunteers who helped put up all the Mental Health Awareness flags on Main Street. He noted that on May 2 from 6-8 p.m. would be the QPR suicide training and on May 20 4-8 p.m. would be the Happy Dance on Main Street. He gave a brief update on the Skate park stating that all the survey information was updated and sent to the ramp company to add to the community members ideas and then will be brought back out for a final vote. He mentioned he was writing grants for funding for skate park. He advised that a dangerous building ordinance</p>

<p>c) Councilor Comments</p>	<p>was in the works to alleviate dangerous situations in the community.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles thanked the fire departments for their quick response and a job well done. Councilor Jirovec reported the Thrives plant sale and cleanup at LCB would be May 20. She noted the State Fire Marshall sent her huge packets of info and activities and would possibly bring it to the next event. She mentioned the School, Thrives, and Polk County were working on extra fun for the event. She noted the Visioning meetings were coming and mentioned she was working on a grant to support a years worth of activities and events at the LCB and Community center.</p>
<p><b>Reports from City Manager &amp; Staff</b> a) City Manager Report</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project bids coming back, LCB, Code enforcement, towing, safe routes to school project, community center roof leak, and excessive domestic sewer pumping.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec reported the auditor suggested purchasing the new Quickbooks for the new fiscal year. She noted there would be a supplemental in June and another supplemental after the new fiscal year in September or October.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey reported there was a motorhome making the rounds around town and was currently parked down by RV park and by the church off South Main. He noted the City garage sale would be on Saturday May 27 and the clean up day would be June 3.</p>
<p><b>Resolutions</b> a) Resolution 03-2023</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli explained the estimate from Westech was 5.7 million and the lowest bidder at 5.25 million.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked who checked references with the accepted bidders. Mr. Foscoli noted Westech had done the due diligence on all the bidders and all had excellent reviews.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked if Westech would monitor and spearhead the project. Mr. Foscoli</p>

	<p>noted that Westech would be the engineering project managers, and the COG would be the financial managers.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to adopt the contract award authorization as presented in the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and LJ Sickles voting YES.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor Meier gave a brief report of the Public Works Committee regarding the Main Street parking and the excessive sewer pumping.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted that the committees reports were not in the agenda due to the Council meetings being moved to the first of the month and the committees may need to address their meeting days.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey suggested an intergovernmental agreement with the Polk County Sheriff to help with summer coming and potential of unwanted loud music.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding recreational immunity and the possibility of liability insurance acquired by the park renter.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>5</u> day of <u>June</u> 2023.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	