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FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:06 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street.

Council Members Present:

Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Jennifer Drill was absent, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier arrived at 6:06 p.m., Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles

Staff Present:

Mayor TJ Bailey, City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal

AGENDA	ACTION
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations	There were none.
Public Comment	There were none.
Public Hearing CDBG Closure Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Staff Report: Comments from Council Comments from Public Rebuttal Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. Variance 2021-03: 111 N Main Street Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. Staff Report: Comments from Council Comments from Public	Diana Cvitanovich gave a brief closure to the CDBG housing rehabilitation project. She noted the project helped 18 households and 55 people. There were none There were none. There were none. Mr. Jenkins read the public hearing opening and the motion to hold the public meeting was moved by Councilor D Sickles and duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a vote of 5-0. Mr. Jenkins gave his staff report regarding the variance 2021-03 regarding setback requirements. Locational standards. There were none There were none.

<p>Rebuttal</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.</p>	<p>There were none.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Houghtaling to adopt the findings in the staff report and approve Variance 21-03 with conditions. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor D Sickles and carried with a vote of 5-0.</p>
<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>a) January 10, 2022 Council Minutes b) Business License – Falls City Market</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli gave a brief staff report regarding the business license for Falls City Market. It was moved by Councilor Houghtaling to approve the consent agenda as is. Councilor Meier duly seconded the motion and was carried by a vote of 5-0.</p>
<p>REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS</p> <p>a) Mayor’s Report</p> <p>b) Councilor Comments</p> <p>c) Parks & Rec Committee Report</p> <p>d) Public Works Committee Report</p> <p>e) Historic Landmark Committee Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey gave a brief report regarding the river’s edge skate park. He noted a town hall would be held next month to discuss the project. He stated that Anna Scharf had been appointed as District Representative and wanted to get involved with Falls City and our wastewater facility project. He mentioned that she would like some written testimonials from citizens about the benefits of the wastewater treatment plant.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling declared the last health fair would be Friday, February 18. She noted the health fair would be back in April, May and June.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec stated there was a 5 million smoke filtration grant to help with new HVAC for forest fires. She noted that a volunteer day in April could coincide with the health fair.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles stated the committee would meet in March.</p> <p>Councilor Meier noted the public works committee met but didn’t have anything to discuss.</p> <p>There were none.</p>
<p>REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER & STAFF</p> <p>a) Falls City Fire Report</p>	<p>Council President Houghtaling stated she appreciated the SW Polk stats added into the monthly totals.</p>

Chief Young stated that the replacement of the brush truck with a new one could use new bond money. Councilor D Sickles noted that it was an operational and equipment bond.

Chief Young mentioned there would be no more grants this year and the department would focus on the bond. He noted that the brush truck could be paid with the remaining bootleg fire money and some ARPA money to make the down payment. He stated the truck could be in service in a year and a half and the money wouldn't be needed for at least a year.

Mr. Foscoli stated the brush truck was an eligible item for purchase with ARPA money.

Councilor Meier suggested a 50/50 split on the fire truck, but noted it was a bad time to buy anything with the rate of Inflation. He mentioned he understood the fire position, but needed concentration on the whole city. He stated the Fire Department was over budget the last few years.



Councilor Jirovec reiterated Councilor Meier's comment and confirmed that the Fire Department numbers stated their department went over budget. Chief Young noted he thought everything looked good. Councilor Jirovec declared that the Council needed the numbers in front of them before they could make a decision. She noted she was not against the truck, but numbers don't lie.

Chief Young explained it was your town and your decision and if there was no truck that was fine.

Mayor Bailey explained that everything possible for the city to run effectively. Safety effectiveness of protection was a huge thing for a city.

Chief Young stated his one example to the Council, and there's many of them, the previous mayor, I think it was the previous mayor, wrote a check to Les Schwab from my budget for three-thousand some-odd dollars, with no invoice, no anything, to Les Schwab. Les Schwab asks me, why do we have three-thousand dollars from you guys? I said I have no clue. Came out of my budget.

<p>b) Polk County Sherriff Report</p> <p>c) Falls City Public Works Report</p> <p>d) City Manager</p>	<p>Councilor Jirovec suggested going over the numbers and see what the budget looks like and confirm with chief. She noted safety and community was important to everyone and to be supportive and respectful. She stated nothing was being taken off the table, but they just needed a better picture of fire budget for an informed decisions.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli added that a general budget discussion needed to happen and some actual costs of truck and with extras added would help.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles advised that the disconnect between the City and Fire Department needed to be fixed.</p> <p>Chief Young noted that taking out the grants and looking at the numbers you would see where the money goes. He stated he would be happy to work with the City Manager. He mentioned that Mr. Foscoli was a great manager, always honest and that he appreciated him.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to have Councilor Jirovec and City Manager Foscoli work with Chief Young to figure out the budget. Councilor LJ Sickles duly seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 5-0.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey stated it was an excellent opportunity to clean things up and work together.</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>There were none.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave a brief overview of his manager's report regarding the wastewater plant, code enforcement, and TextMyGov. He noted our utility billing system was very old and needed an upgrade. He mentioned the new system had a lot of very needed upgraded system features to help our community.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to direct the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CUSI for an update of their Utility</p>
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	Billing System. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a vote of 5-0.
GOOD OF THE ORDER	<p>Mayor Bailey sincerely thanked the councilors for their hard work and diligence.</p> <p>Commissioner Gordon arrived at the meeting and gave rebuttal to Chief Young's statement regarding the check to Les Schwab as false. He noted City staff received the invoice, issued the check, and processed the refund, he never cut a check.</p>
ADJOURN	There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.
<p>Read and approved this <u>15</u> day of <u>March</u> 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: <u></u></p>	