



FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL		MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:01 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street		
Council Members Present: Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles.		
Staff Present: City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal		
AGENDA	ACTION	
Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations Anna Scharf Appreciation	Mayor Bailey presented State Representative Anna Scharf with a certificate of Recognition for her diligent work in securing 2.5 Million for Falls City's wastewater project. Commissioner Gordon noted that Representative Scharf understood small communities and would work for us.	
Public Comment	Commissioner Gordon thanked Mayor Bailey, Council President Houghtaling and City Manager Foscoli for participating in the homeless awareness meeting.	
Public Hearing	There were none.	
Consent Agenda a) March 14, 2022 Minutes b) Old Timer's Picnic Application c) Thorsted Park Rental Application d) Business License – Kristi Amant	Council President Houghtaling asked for clarification on the Old Timer's park application. Mr. Teal noted the events would be the first Saturday and the following Thursday-Saturday. Mr. Foscoli noted the Thorsted event was a new event for the city and would be good event for the community. He noted that Thorsted just wanted to be in the community and encourage people to visit our community. Mr. Foscoli reported the business license was for a new art gallery space on Main Street. It was moved by Councilor Houghtaling to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 4-0 with Councilors Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.	
Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members a) Mayor's Report	Mayor Bailey reported his River's Edge Skatepark on April 6 had all 11 people that signed up. He noted they discussed fundraising, communication,	

<p>b) Councilor Comment</p> <p>c) Parks & Rec Committee Report</p> <p>d) Public Works Committee Report</p> <p>e) Historic Landmark Committee Report</p>	<p>and marketing. He mentioned the website was in development for donations, a logo and t-shirt contest was in full swing, and the freshman class worked on logos for the park.</p> <p>Council LJ Sickles easter egg hunt on Saturday. Meet at Boondocks and then head to upper park.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling reported the Health Fair would be April 15 in the Community Center. She noted that along with May being a month-long mental health awareness month, the Happy Dance would take place on May 21.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles asked the amount of money is the park budget for community projects. Mayor Bailey reported \$1900.</p> <p>Councilor Meier reported there were no decisions to make.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling noted the committee had not met yet.</p>
<p>Reports from City Manager & Staff</p> <p>a) Falls City Fire Report</p> <p>b) Polk County Sherriff Report</p> <p>c) Falls City Public Works Report</p> <p>d) City Manager</p>	<p>Councilor Jirovec asked about the SW Polk conversations. Mr. Foscoli stated that conversations had been one way and SW Polk was not very responsive. He noted he had been in contact with Dallas regarding the same issue with SW Polk, but there had been no movement.</p> <p>No one from the Sheriff's Office was in attendance to report.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported operations were normal. He noted public works was operating with 1 full time and 2 part time employees which was working well and lower stress levels for the whole crew.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his City Manager's Report covering the clinic building, code enforcement, TextMyGov, CUSI, the audit, and the air filtration grant.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked Mr. Foscoli and his staff for their hard work on the audit.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling suggested an MOU be drawn up between Thrives and the City to help</p>

	<p>clarify the responsibilities of the clinic building.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted the solar speed signs were \$2500-\$3500 and there were different styles that could be utilized. He reported that ARPA money could be used for the speed signs.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked about budget increases for salaries for staff. He noted there were big limitations, but the staff needs to be happy.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling stated the clinic sunroom needed to be used and the remaining medical equipment could be disposed of.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli presented the Council with three options for replacing Councilor Drill. He noted Option A would be a May 2nd deadline, Option B would be a May 13th deadline, and Option C would be a June 3rd deadline.</p> <p>It was moved by Council Jirovec to accept Option C for a June 3, 2022 deadline for applications. The motion was duly seconded by Lori Jean Sickles and CARRIED with a vote of 4-0 with Councilors Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor Jirovec mentioned that Dallas was forming a park district with taxes being pulled from Falls City and Perrydale to run it. Council President Houghtaling asked if a Dallas representative could come present the district to the Council. Councilor Meier noted the proposed \$1.90 per thousand was not cheap.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey thanked the council and staff for their diligent hard work in this community.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>9</u> day of <u>May</u> 2022.</p>	
<p>ATTEST:</p> <p>City Recorder: </p>	<p>Mayor: </p>