


<b>FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL</b>		<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023</b>	
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:02 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street			
<b>Council Members Present:</b> Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus, Councilor Martha Jirovec via Zoom, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles arrived at 6:48 pm and Councilor Lori Jean Sickles			
<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>		There were no comments.	
<b>Public Comment</b>		<p>Mayor Bailey opened the Public Comments at 6:04 p.m.</p> <p>Chris &amp; Dawn Martin, 112 Bridge, expressed his frustration with Polk County Sheriff and their lack of follow through in Falls City. He stated the sheriff deputy stopped to ask about another crime and he mentioned Riley in the park. He noted House Bill 3115 is holding everyone back, but camping isn't allowed in parks especially when it is posted. He mentioned that Riley had moved to the mill lot.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted he understood Mr. Martin's frustration and noted he had been in many talks with the Sheriff's Office. He stated he had called and asked to get Riley trespassed and nothing happened.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling stated she felt Mr. Martin's frustration and why it seemed nothing was being done. She noted the wheels of justice move pretty slow and many conversations with the Sheriff have a lot of behind-the-scenes work happening. She suggested attending the Polk County Commissioners meetings.</p> <p>Mr. Martin noted the market got broken into and they know who the suspect is and is on camera and the Sheriff won't do anything. Mayor Bailey stated he hoped the market would follow up with the Sheriff to arrest the person. He noted we were doing everything we could with Sheriff's Office and hopefully have a meeting soon.</p>	

	<p>Mrs. Martin commented that she worked with homeless people and individuals with substance abuse and had compassion for them but having them that close to home made her very uneasy.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey mentioned the deputy went to see Riley and told him to leave, but no follow up. He suggested attending a Polk County Commissioner meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey closed the Public Comments at 6:20 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Consent Agenda</b> a) August 7, 2023 Minutes</p>	<p>It was moved by Councilor Meier to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p><b>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</b></p> <p>a) Mayor’s Report b) Councilor Comments c) Public Works Report</p>	<p>Mayor Bailey had no comments.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p>
<p><b>Reports from City Manager &amp; Staff</b></p> <p>a) Fire Report b) Public Works Reports c) City Manager’s Report</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted there was some recent leaking in the football field after the report was submitted. He stated it had been inspected and Ferguson was coming to further inspect.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project and Lagoon 1 was complete, and they were moving to Lagoon 2 and then run new pipe to Falls City and the ponds, He noted the LCB had its fourth tenant, Code enforcement, towing, Safe Routes to School project had no updates, he stated the EV grant had been submitted and the homelessness issue.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli reported that he was working with several Polk County partners on a very well structured project for temporary housing for the homeless. He noted the City had some land</p>

	<p>available for the possible project and there was a lot of funding for a proper program, but wanted council to hear all the details directly from the organizers.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling stated she was part of a multi-jurisdictional board to tackle the homelessness issue. She noted there were many different state organizations that have the money to help with the different programs and implementations. She commented that Church in the Park is a 501c3 that helps with temporary housing for families and helps to get families to permanent housing. She mentioned that unfortunately everything got shot down in Dallas, Independence and Monmouth. She noted that Falls City was not the ideal location because we have no resources or transportation to get anyone anywhere. She advised that Commissioner Gordon and herself would be presenting to the Health Council regarding a resource center at the mill lot and hopefully find funding.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey asked when the Council could have a presentation regarding the resource center. Mr. Foscoli noted the next Council meeting on October 10 would be fine.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles stated she was willing to consider depending on the circumstances and would love to see a presentation.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey noted the impact to the community, the resources brought in, the resources that are lacking, and all that intertwined with services and a presentation would be helpful.</p>
<p><b>Resolutions</b></p> <p>a) A Resolution 07-2023 – CBDG Certifying Officer</p>	<p>Mr. Teal noted that it was suggested by CBDG to appoint him as the certifying officer due to his frequency at the office.</p> <p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve Resolution 07-2023. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Lori Jean Sickles and CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ</p>

<p>b) 2 Resolution 08-2023 – Excessive Septic Tank Pumping</p>	<p>Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli noted this topic had been discussed many times due to the over impact to our sewer system. He mentioned the more people added to a home adds more volume to the black water produced, taxing the sewer system and filling septic tanks faster. He stated the City owned the septic tanks and the City was responsible for them with DEQ and Polk County. He advised that DEQ recommends pumping once every five years and the cost structure that the Public Works Committee approved would be an adequate way to track and use the funds. He noted the goal was to charge the households needing to be pumped more than once every five years.</p> <p>Councilor Meier reported that a septic tank pumpings line item needed to be added to make it easy to track and hopefully keep from emergency pumpings.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked if a homeowner would be penalized for getting pumped more often. Councilor Meier noted that the system would be like the water system, you would be charged for what you use. Mr. Foscoli noted there would be no extra charges until they go beyond their allotted time.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked that the owners that would be affected be notified. Mr. Foscoli noted a letter would be sent notifying the customers.</p> <p>It was moved by Councilor Meier to approve Resolution 08-2023. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor LJ Sickles and CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p>
<p>Ordinances ORDINANCE 561-2023 – Dangerous Buildings</p>	<p>Mr. Foscoli stated the relevant question regarding the process was brought up and conferring with the city attorney, the process was already on books in the abatement process.</p>

<p>ORDINANCE 562-2023 – No Parking on North Main Street</p>	<p>It was moved by Council President Houghtaling to approve Ordinance 561-2023. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, LJ Sickles and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli outlined the No-Parking on North Main Street from the city limits to Ellis Street.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles noted this was the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the property owners should be notified to have ability to come testify.</p> <p>Mayor Bailey declared Ordinance 562-2023 to have passed its first reading.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Councilor D Sickles announced that Falls City sports were underway, and he encouraged people to come watch the games.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling announced the Historic Landmark Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 6 pm in the community center. She noted there were positions available on the commission. She noted the Polk County Commissioners meetings were September 13, 20, and 27.</p> <p>Councilor LJ Sickles asked what could be done about a homeless hoarder along her property line. Mr. Foscoli explained the City was using any and all legal means to engage the person and remove her belongings from the right of way.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked if a glass recycling bin could be set up in Falls City. Mr. Teal stated he would look into it. She also mentioned that RDI Visioning meetings would be the last Saturday in September and October from noon to 3 pm in the community center.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.</p>
<p>Read and approved this <u>10</u> day of <u>October</u> 2023.</p> <p>Mayor: <u></u></p> <p>ATTEST: _____</p>	

City Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_

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