

FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022
The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:03 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street	
<b>Council Members Present:</b> Council President Amy Houghtaling, Councilor Nick Backus via Zoom, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles arrived at 6:14 p.m.	
<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 none.
<b>Public Comment</b>	SW Fire Chief Fred Hertel with Board Members Rod Watson and Keith Moore thanked the City Council for their continued support over the years and SW Polk had celebrated 75 years in 2022 and Chief Hertel presented each member of the Council with 75th Anniversary Challenge Coins.
<b>Public Hearing</b>	There were none.
<b>Consent Agenda</b> a) Paul King Historic Landmark Application  b) October 17, 2022 Minutes	It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to appoint Paul King to commission. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and CARRIED with a vote of 5.0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, and Council President Houghtaling voting YES.  It was moved by Meier to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 4-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, and D Sickles voting YES. Council President Houghtaling abstained for absence from the October 17 <sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
<b>Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members</b> a) Mayor's Report  b) Councilor Comments	Mayor Bailey reported the design had been chosen for the skatepark.  Councilor Jirovec asked SW Polk Chief Hertel if there was a meeting setup with Falls City to keep relationship moving forward. Chief Hertel stated that his first priority was staffing the Bridgeport station and then meeting with Falls City Fire.

<p>c) Park &amp; Rec Committee</p> <p>d) Public Works Committee</p> <p>e) Historic Landmark Committee</p>	<p>Council President Houghtaling noted the she was a part of the homelessness prevention committee was looking for ideas on how to spend the money. She noted a consultant was gathering info from surrounding cities.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked if the Solve River Cleanup need to happen this year. Mr. Teal noted that the event was not mandated by DEQ due to the event being community ran.</p> <p>There were no comments</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling reported that a committee member had contacted SHPO regarding the city owned nurse's cottage. She stated that a packet would need to be filled out and turned in, and the coffee shop owner's will need to follow the rules of SHPO regarding the building.</p>
<p><b>Reports from City Manager &amp; Staff</b></p> <p>a) Falls City Fire Report</p> <p>b) Sheriff Report</p> <p>c) Falls City Public Works Report</p> <p>d) City Manager</p>	<p>There were no comments.</p> <p>There were no comments.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked if anyone had left public works. Mr. Foscoli reported that public works employee Brian Iott had left for a higher paying job.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli gave his report regarding the wastewater project, LCB, Code enforcement working with Polk County, Towing speed test, escape routes to school, air filtration grant and the Community center roof leak.</p> <p>Mr. Foscoli asked the Council if they would prefer the electric speed signs to be put up now before the speed test was done by the County, or wait until after the speed test and determine the best place to put them.</p> <p>Councilor Meier noted to put the signs up now. Mr. Foscoli stated that Mr. Creekmore and himself had determined that a sign at the beginning of town and at the opposite end of Main Street by Frink's General Store were the locations selected. Councilor Jirovec noted to place the signs now and still get the speed test done in the spring. Councilor Meier stated</p>

	<p>people were speeding, signs will hopefully alert them and they slow down. Mr. Foscoli reported that the installation for the signs would move forward.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling asked if cameras could be bought for the outside of the LCB to help detour vandals. Mr. Foscoli noted he would get some ordered. She asked about the Safe Routes to School project. Mr. Foscoli reported the project was 85% done with one report to turn into ODOT in December. He noted the project would hopefully go out for bid in early 2023.</p> <p>Council President Houghtaling informed Mr. Foscoli that if he had projects he needed help with from the Council to let them know. Councilor Jirovec agreed.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec asked if the smoke detectors and fire extinguishers were in. Mr. Teal noted they were at City Hall. She asked if the mill lot signs had been ordered. Mr. Teal noted that they had. She asked if the first quarter financials could be added to the next Council agenda. Mr. Teal stated he would make sure they were included.</p> <p>Councilor D Sickles asked about the final outcome of the football field. Mr. Foscoli reported the work was completed and the grass was growing back, but no invoice had been given to the City as of yet. Councilor D Sickles noted the contractors did a nice job and were conscious of where they were.</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Council President Houghtaling advised the Thanksgiving meal would be Saturday, November 19 from 12-3 pm. She noted there was a takeout option. She mentioned they still needed canned cranberries and yellow onions. Mayor Bailey stated he would have students for cleanup.</p> <p>Councilor Jirovec mentioned that citizens outside city limits were breaking up their land into smaller lots. She noted Falls City was growing and it would be nice for taxes. She advised that the code enforcement position was a learning</p>

position with part-time community liaison and part-time education piece.

Councilor Jirovec noted there were state grants to help with community development for rural city development.

Council President Houghtaling commented there was a health survey floating around town and there would be people at the Thanksgiving dinner to help people fill it out online.

Mayor Bailey thanked Mr. Teal for setting up for council with all the cleaning that needed to be done after the warming center.

Mayor Bailey asked about the storage shed in back of the community center parking lot. He noted there were things in the community center that could be stored in there. Councilor Lori Jean Sickles mentioned the Fire Department had stuff in the shed and the Fire Department had the key. Council President Houghtaling noted that the city built it and if we needed things out of the kitchen or community center we could find out what was in there and rearrange to get more in.

Mayor Bailey suggested an emergency planning session for power outages and other events that could leave a community scrambling. He noted the City needed a plan in place for emergencies.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Read and approved this 13 day of December 2022.

Mayor: 

ATTEST:

City Recorder: 