

MEMBERS PRESENT – McCoy, Evenson, Lokken, and Sordahl

ABSENT – None

Mayor McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

CONSENT TO AGENDA- Council Member Evenson made a motion to accept consent to the agenda. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

VISITOR RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Eli Vasquez – Eli presented to the council that he will be opening a Mexican Restaurant in the Wood N Boar building. Eli discussed that the name of the restaurant will be Agave Cantina, he will be serving traditional Mexican food along with smoked chicken and steak. This will allow everyone to find something on the menu. Eli presented that he plans to be open 6 days a week for sure and possibly every seven from 11 am to 10 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheila – Street Project Timeline- Sheila presented the approximate timeline for Joe Riley Construction to come in and do the street work.

Basketball Court – Assessments- Kalkbrenner discussed with the council an offer to subtract the realtor’s cost of \$1,500 from the initial \$5,000 in assessments bringing the cost down to \$3,500 and then 201 Building Supply agreed to pay half of the assessments, paying \$1,750 and the city pays the other half. Kalkbrenner also expressed in a phone conversation with Earl Rich the Realtor, that he would like some compensation, if the city is willing. Council Member Evenson made a motion to split both the assessments and the realtor cost in half. Paying the assessments of \$1,750 and the realtor of \$750. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Cares lease – Mayor McCoy made a motion to accept the CAREs Lease with the changes from the CARE’s Attorney. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. The council discussed the repayment of legal fees since the CAREs program did not agree with the original lease presented and chose to create their own contract, forcing the city to have it reviewed by the City Attorney. Clerk Kalkbrenner expressed that the billing from the City Attorney is a couple of months behind so there are still some invoices that had not come in yet. The council decided to table the attorney fees until all invoices have come in and the city can look at them all together. The council discussed back pay for the months of rent lost since the original contract was presented, Council Member Lokken made a motion to charge \$25 per month going back to April 2022, for a total of \$200.00 in back pay. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Pond Haying- Council Member Lokken made a motion to grant Tom Forsyth the pond haying with a signed 1-year contract. Mayor McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with members McCoy, Lokken, and Sordahl voting in favor. Council Member Evenson opposed.

Mosquito Spraying – Council Member Lokken made a motion to have Clarke spray the streets and alleys for 9 weeks up to \$4600. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Fee Schedule – Revised – Clerk Kalkbrenner presented the revised Fee schedule to the council with the change of the utility deposit and the addition of a golf cart permit, catering license, and three-phase (no demand). Council Member Lokken made a motion to accept the changes to the Fee Schedule. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Speed Signs- The council discussed some possibilities for speed signs on County Road 25 North of town and County Road 11 South of town for vehicles coming into City Limits. Council Member Sordahl made a motion to spend up to \$5000 per sign for up to two signs for County Road 25 North and County Road 11 South. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

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Time Clock- Council Member Evenson stated that after talking with Roering he feels that the council needs to give trust to the employees to ensure that they are filling out their timecards correctly. The council decided to table this for 3 months.

Community Sign – Kalkbrenner presented the information from the prior year when we were looking at a community sign. Kalkbrenner also presented an updated price list. Council Member Lokken made a motion to spend up to \$40,000 on a digital community sign. Mayor McCoy seconded the motion. Motion failed with no majority vote. Council Members Sordahl and Evenson opposed, Mayor McCoy and Council Member Lokken for it. The council decided to table for another month.

Golf Cart Stickers – Kalkbrenner expressed that in conversation with the deputy and other personnel a Sticker for Golf Cart permits would be most beneficial and easier to see who has a permit and not for Deputy Swisher. Mayor McCoy made a motion to purchase golf cart stickers through Ramsey Printing. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Rental Rehabilitation Program Deferred Loan Repayment Agreement – Mayor McCoy made a motion to approve the Rental Rehabilitation Program Deferred Loan Repayment Agreement. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-01 – Revised – Council Member Sordahl made a motion to accept the revised Resolution 2023-01 with the new appointments to committees. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-19: Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. – Council Member Lokken made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-19: Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-20: Council Member Evenson made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-20. Mayor McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-21: Grant Navigation Support – Council Member Sordahl made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-21: Grant Navigation Support. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resolution 2023-22: Adoption of Basic Code of Ordinances – Mayor McCoy made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-22: Adoption of Basic Code of Ordinances. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

South Grove Apartment- Council Member Evenson made a motion to use Floor to Ceiling for the carpet and linoleum replacement and for Luis to do the painting for up to \$1700, for the apartment and the community center behind the bingo board. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Letter to Carlson Meats- Mayor McCoy made a motion to accept the letter written for Carlson Meats. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Heartland Security – Security System- Kalkbrenner presented a plan to upgrade the security system that the city already has, to accommodate the new internet. Council member Sordahl made a motion to install the new equipment for a cost of up to \$245 and an additional \$10 per month for the service. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Windmill Days- Mayor McCoy made a motion to donate \$2500 to Windmill Days Committee for the city celebration. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

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Kalkbrenner asked the council if they are going to be involved in the city parade this year. McCoy stated he will be in the parade and Sordahl should be around and able to be around, Lokken will be available on Sunday.

The council tabled approving dirt for the mud volleyball court until they got a quote in. Roering will work with Litzau Construction to get a bid.

STAFF AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Rescue- Chief Thomas came to the council with an update that they are still looking for a truck and debating about the style.

Fire- Chief Jans set up a fire drill for South Grove Square for Monday, July 17th, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Sheriff-Deputy Swisher expressed to Kalkbrenner that the rescue email was wrong on the website. Swisher reported there were 33 calls. Swisher gave a report on the speed trap that was set to see the speed of traffic coming into town headed East. Lokken asked Swisher if motorized scooters were allowed on city streets. Swisher expressed that anything under 50cc can be driven without a permit.

Clerk- Kalkbrenner asked the council if they would be willing to have Aimee Gourlay and/or the City Attorney come in and discuss some rules and regulations with Open Meeting Law and other roles and responsibilities for the council and committees. Kalkbrenner reminded the council of all the training on LMC for the council and city staff.

Kalkbrenner explained to the council that McCoy and herself had met with Stephanie Johnson from Meeker County Emergency Management and went over some of the changes that need to happen to the Grove City Emergency Management Plan. Kalkbrenner expressed that Stephanie stated that there is some great online training for emergency management personnel, and since my involvement in the plan is so substantial that it would be highly recommended that I do the training. Kalkbrenner asked the council if she could attend the training. The council stated that it could be discussed further at a workshop but as of now, they would have to table the training.

Kalkbrenner brought up that there were quite a lot of scratches on the South Grove Gym floor from a group that had rented the Gym. Kalkbrenner asked if the council wanted to assess it more and charge the group any more for fixing as the scratches will have to be filled. The council stated that is what the deposit was for, and asked Roering to talk with Tom from the school about how to best fix it.

Kalkbrenner asked the council if she could purchase a sign for above the drop box as Chris and herself had discussed that there were becoming more and more payments dropped in other locations in town than at City Hall. Mayor McCoy made a motion to allow Kalkbrenner to order a sign above the drop box. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Kalkbrenner asked the council how they would like to proceed with a property in town that the office does not have a forwarding address. Kalkbrenner expressed that Ransom has spoken with the county as well and no one seems to have contact information for next of kin on the property. Kalkbrenner asked if the city is to bill the last contract for record and then just assess taxes when bills are not being paid. The council stated that is the process for just following that until a next of kin is presented.

Public Works- Roering asked the council about getting a couple of A/C units for South Grove. Council Member Evenson made a motion to buy 2 extra A/C units for South Grove for up to \$750 per unit. Council Member Lokken seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Roering presented that Vibrant Broadband is interested in using some of the city poles to put overhead fiber in. Roering explained that Vibrant currently is paying \$8.16 per pole to Paynesville for the use of their poles. Kalkbrenner expressed that the city does have a franchise agreement with Mediacom and that she can work with the attorney to draft a franchise agreement for Vibrant Broadband as well. Roering stated that there are 17 poles and felt that \$10 per pole per year would be a good proposal. Mayor McCoy made a motion to have the lawyer write a franchise agreement written

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for \$10 per pole per year. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Roering did talk with Joe Riley Construction about doing Starktown Road and mixing the Millings with Class 5 gravel to better support the road and not wash away. Roering stated that Joe Riley would be coming with empty trucks and that they could bring some class 5 for them.

Evenson- no report.

McCoy- Mayor McCoy brought to Roering's attention about dandelions that more spraying should be done throughout the town. Also, North of Axel Ave, the council would like Roering to mow the ditch. Roering expressed that it is very steep, McCoy stated yes but that they would still like to see it mowed and sprayed.

McCoy would also like to see that the trimming around the gardens is better and that the piles of grass get cleaned up faster. Roering did state that he will investigate all of this and that his focus has been doing locates for Vibrant Broadband.

McCoy stated that the railroad will be replacing one of the rails Wednesday or Thursday this upcoming week and would like to see the parking spots blocked off for that to be done so the railroad does not need to worry about hitting vehicles or anything.

Lokken- Council Member Lokken expressed how she was to get a quote for flowers to be hung on the light poles. Lokken stated that when she was at Martins Greenhouse that she had gone ahead and purchased four baskets since she did not use the \$100 allotment for the Community Center flowers. Kalkbrenner did express that in the future when money is designated to a specific location if all the money is not used that does not mean it can just be used elsewhere. Kalkbrenner expressed that it could be misperceived by the community if a council member just purchases something and asks for payment that hasn't been authorized by the council. The council asked Roering if he had investigated pricing on a watering system. Roering expressed that he had not had time to investigate it as he was gone for a funeral. Council Member Lokken expressed to the council that she will be gone from June 23rd through July 4th, 2023.

Lokken was asked to remind the council that the South Grove building cannot be sold with a federal grant in process.

Lokken was asked by the CAREs board about getting a picnic table for up at South Grove at the South end of the building for their adult exercise area. The council expressed that if the city had an extra for Jack to put it up there. Lokken also asked for the CAREs program to have a set of adult swings put up by the playground at South Grove.

Council Member Sordahl made a motion for the city to donate \$200 toward flowers each spring for the city. Council Member Evenson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Sordahl- Council Member Sordahl asked Roering to get prices for speed signs.

ADJOURNMENT- Council Member Evenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Sordahl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Baily Kalkbrenner
Clerk-Treasurer

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