

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute. Council members present were Charlie Stevens, Joyce Hake, and John Cordill. Council not present was Devin Renken and Heather Hancock. Others present were Jesse Janssen, Joel Hardy, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

Joyce moved to approve regular meeting minutes from September 6, 2022 seconded by Charlie. Carried.

Jesse Janssen was present to discuss a FEMA grant to build a dual-purpose building to be used for a storm shelter and possibly more classroom or gym space. He explained this project has many possibilities for the school and the community. He asked the council if they were interested in this project and the consensus of the council was to participate. Joyce made a motion to participate in the FEMA building block grant, John seconded. Motion carried.

Joel Hardy, Downs Fire Department, presented the council with new options for bunker gear from Weis Fire. Hardy asked the council if the fire department could purchase 17 sets of bunker gear and 6 pairs of gloves. Joyce moved to allow the fire department to purchase 17 sets of bunker gear and 6 pairs of gloves with funds from the Fire Equipment Reserve; John seconded. Motion carried. Hardy also asked the council to add Tobey Reinert to the Fire Department. Joyce moved to add Tobey Reinert to the Downs Fire Department; Charlie seconded. Carried.


The City Superintendent reported there has been vandalism at the city parks. He has been in contact with the Osborne County Sheriff's department and they are investigating. Colburn spoke to the council about getting security cameras placed at the roadside park which was tabled. John Cordill and Charlie Stevens went with Harry Colburn to Hays on Sept. 6 to attend a KDHE lead and copper rules meeting.

The City Clerk reported that Dan from NWKP&DC will be here Tuesday to pick up the LMI survey received so far to calculate them. A quote to purchase chromebooks to be used for council meetings from the Waconda School district was presented to council. The total for 8 computers would be \$600 which included the charging cords. Council decided to table until the next meeting.


John moved to approve building permit #22-23 for Jason Cherek, Joyce seconded. Carried.

Joyce moved to approve vouchers and payroll as presented, Charlie seconded. Motion carried.

Charlie moved to adjourn, Joyce second. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Miranda Robinson, City Clerk