

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 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 Devin Renken, Joyce Hake, John Cordill and Heather Hancock. Council not present was Charlie Stevens. Others present were Dave Hendershott, Kathy Tucker, Richard Judd, Harry Colburn, Miranda Robinson, and Bruce Berkley.

Joyce moved, Devin seconded, to approve regular meeting minutes from July 18, 2022. Carried. Heather abstained. Heather moved, Devin seconded, to approve special meeting minutes from July 21, 2022. Carried.

Dave Hendershott requested to appear as he wants to bring a modular home into town. Council and City Attorney stated he needs to file an application to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance.

Animal Control office Richard Judd reported he moved a possum and fox out of town and removed a dead cat and possum.

The Code Enforcement officer reported he sent a certified letter to a property owner but it was returned undeliverable. Colburn would add those properties to be mowed along with others in town.

City Attorney Bruce Berkley presented council with new wording in the code concerning the limit on dogs and the penalty fees.

Kathy Tucker was present to bring her concerns to the council on the swimming pool.

Superintendent Harry Colburn discussed with the council on algae issues at the pool and the filtration system. It was decided to close the pool on August 7. The crew would drain the pool and start the cleaning process. The filtration system needs to be checked out and parts replaced. Colburn stated that there is enough oil left to chip seal five more streets. The old tractor and state truck are on the auction site Gavel Roads.

Jaqui Fraiser entered the meeting.

At 6:35 p.m. Joyce moved, Devin seconded, to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel – conduct interview with Jaqui Frasier, with council, mayor, city attorney, city clerk and Jaqui Frasier present. Passed unanimously.

Regular meeting resumed at 6:54 p.m.

The City Clerk reported there was one water shut off for the month of July and it's been turned on. Clerk reminded council members that the primary elections are held at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. The Clerk also reported that one of the computers in the office is currently down but hopefully it won't have to be replaced.

Heather moved, John seconded, to allow the City Clerk to offer employment to an applicant for Assistant Clerk. Motion carried. Devin abstained.

Devin moved, Joyce seconded, to approve building permit 22-17 and 22-18 for Harry Colburn. Motion passed.

Heather moved, John seconded to approve special use permit #22-39. Motion carried.

John moved, Joyce seconded to approve Ordinance 1008 (UPOC) and Ordinance 1009 (STO).

Council was presented the 2023 contract with Fire District 4. They have agreed and signed the contract. Joyce moved, Heather seconded to allow the Mayor to sign the 2023 Contract with Fire District 4.

In Old Business, the council discussed the Fire Department's request for \$20,000 of ARPA funds to help fund the purchase of new bunker gear. Heather moved to approve the fire department's request for \$20,000 to come out of the general fund. John seconded. Motion carried. Devin abstained.

Devin moved, John seconded to allow the mayor to sign the budget approval sheet for the Loyd Group, LLC. Motion carried.

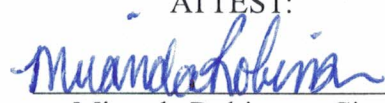
Devin moved, Joyce seconded, to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried.

Heather moved, Devin seconded, to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Vienna Janis, Mayor



ATTEST:


Miranda Robinson, City Clerk