

Downs City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall. Council members present: John Cordill, Joyce Hake, Heather Hancock, and Charlie Stevens. Council not present: Devin Renken. Others present: Richard Judd, Bruce Berkley, Harry Colburn, and Miranda Robinson.

Mayor Vienna Janis called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Joyce moved, John seconded to approve regular meeting minutes from June 19, 2023. Motion carried. Joyce moved, Charlie seconded to approve special meeting minutes from June 29, 2023. Motion carried. Heather abstained.

Richard Judd, Animal Control, reported that last month he issued one ticket for a dog at large. It was reported there were chickens at a residence on Division Street and he gave a verbal warning to remove them from the city within a week. He will follow up on that this week.

Harry Colburn, Code Enforcement, received return letters as undeliverable so the crew will mow those properties. There were five more letters sent out concerning nuisance yards.

Harry Colburn presented a quote for repairs on the generator at the sewer lift station from Cummins. This includes a stabilizer and motherboard for a total of \$7,886.41. Council discussed using ARP Funds to pay for the repairs. Heather moved, John seconded, to approve the purchase of generator parts from Cummins paying with ARP funds. Motion carried.

Charlie moved, Joyce seconded to hire Billy Matlock for \$15.50/hr for the water/sewer department pending successful completion of the pre-employment drug test with 90 day probation. Motion Carried.

City Clerk Miranda Robinson reported that she was working on the second quarter reports. A thank you note presented to council and city superintendent from the Downs Chamber for help during this year's Celebration. Clerk Robinson asked the council if they wanted to put up the property at 619 Peterman Street for sealed bids. Council agreed to advertise for seal bids on the property.

Hancock stated that the pool will offer half priced swim passes starting July 4th.

Heather moved, John seconded, to approve special use permit 23-41. Motion carried.

CMB License 23-06 was presented to council but they decided to table it until further information could be found.

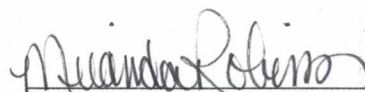
In old business, the council discussed leaving the mill rate the same as last year but it still will exceed the revenue neutral rate.

Heather moved, seconded by John to approve vouchers and payroll as presented. Motion carried.

Heather moved, John seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


Vienna Janis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Miranda Robinson, City Clerk

