

MARCH 12, 2024 MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the Cottonwood City Council was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 7:30 pm, in the Cottonwood Community Center with Shawn Myers, Shannon Geihl, Mike Horner, Joel Dahl, and Corey Moseng present. Also, present was City Administrator, Teather Bliss; Public Works Supervisor, Allen Olsen; Public Works Technician, John Nilges; Public Works Foreman, Randy Fenger; Deputy Clerk, Amy Louwagie; Fire Chief, Jeremy Dieken; Bolton & Menk Engineers, Kent Louwagie and John Graupmann; Lyon County Sergeant Steve Louwagie, Eric Wallen; Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Director, Jason Overby; and Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board Member, Bill Ufkin. Present from the community: Stacy Abraham, Steve Lee, Elaine Meyer, Don Timm, Jeanne Timm, Brenda Olson, Ione Olson, Ralph Olson, Rhonda Heairet, Alex Dequaine, Steven Bucholz, Shelby Bucholz, Richard Cobbs, Lenore Cobbs, Larry Nilges, Vonnie Nilges, Mitchell Johnson, Phyllis Johnson, Steve Alm, Delbert Geihl, Nellie Geihl, Brad St. Aubin, John Lenz, Ellen Lenz, Donna Sanders, Deb Kerkvliet, Kelvin Listul, Krista Listul, Brad Beebout, Christy Beebout, Joyce Viaene, Austin Schmidt, Hunter Kvistad, Josh Fragodt, Chris Dahl, Andrew Praus, Steven Michelson, Patrick Glimsdal, Damien Javens, Tyler Jeseritz, Jeanette Prust, Tricia Jensen, Jay Sletten, Chris Sletten, Chris Fenske, Galen Prairie, Austin Eckstrom, Jan Timmerman, Bev Isaackson, and Larry Isaackson. Present via zoom was Dave Planting, Todd & Kristi St. Aubin, Mary Ann Horner, Jessica Stolen, and Dan Louwagie. Meeting was also broadcasted live on Facebook.

Mayor Corey Moseng called the meeting to order and led in the Flag Pledge.

A motion by Shawn Myers to close the regular council meeting. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried.

A motion by Joel Dahl to open the public hearing on drinking water. Seconded by Mike Horner. Carried at 7:30PM.

John Graupmann presented information on the current quality of the drinking water, the different options available to Cottonwood, and the financial breakdown of each option.

Information was presented by the City, Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water, and Bolton and Menk.

Questions were answered from those in attendance as well as comments made by the public. There was also poll taken by show of hand of those present and which option they preferred. The show of hands heavily reflected a favor of Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water.

A motion by Joel Dahl to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mike Horner. Carried at 9pm.

A motion by Shawn Myers to open the regular meeting. Seconded by Mike Horner. Carried.

Council reviewed the meeting minutes from February 6, 2024.

A motion by Mike Horner to approve the meeting minutes from February 6, 2024 with the amendment of adding Joel Dahl present on the roster. Seconded by Joel Dahl. Carried.

Council reviewed the meeting minutes from February 20, 2024.

A motion by Shawn Myers to approve the meeting minutes from February 20, 2024. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried.

Bliss presented the following information for follow up:

RAINS PROPERTY | Mortgage holder has been served the Order to Repair or Raze. Owner, Joe Rains, was not able to be found – therefore the Order to Repair or Raze shall be posted in the paper for 4 weeks to satisfy the requirements before moving forward.

SENIOR CENTER | No update.

CITY OFFICE | No update.

WEST 2ND STREET SOUTH PARKING | Chief Dieken is in attendance to present the information.

Chief Dieken updated the Council on the need for the resolution for no parking on the west side of West 2nd Street South.

A motion by Joel Dahl to approve Resolution 2024_0312 No Parking on West 2nd Street South. Seconded by Shawn Myers. Carried.

Sergeant Louwagie presented the monthly incident report.

Council reviewed the 2nd pay application for the WW Pond Structure project in the amount of \$29,177.48.

A motion by Mike Horner to approve Pay Application No. 2. Seconded by Joel Dahl. Carried.

Bliss presented a questionnaire to the council for the Lyon County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The request would be that each council member fill out the questionnaire and return it ASAP so that Bliss can fill out the questionnaire for the county.

Council reviewed the February Meeting Minutes of the Cottonwood Fire Department.

Council reviewed the location for the post office and Resolution 2024_0312A Assigning an Address to the lot.

A motion by Shawn Myers to approve Resolution 2024_0312A. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried.

Council reviewed the special dates and upcoming hearings.

Council reviewed the concerned citizen log.

Council reviewed the bills totaling \$20,159.30.

A motion by Joel Dahl to pay the bills. Seconded by Shawn Myers. Carried.

A motion by Shawn Myers to adjourn the city council meeting. Seconded by Shannon Geihl. Carried at 925pm.