

Prior to the January 11, 2023 meeting being called to order, the clerk administered the Oaths of Office to re-elected Mayor Fred Froehlich and newly elected Councilmembers Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann.

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the public hearing on Comp Plan Amendment/Rezone to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Preston Meyer, Dave Will and Eric Hauser (Bolton and Menk).

The purpose of the public hearing was to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to change the Future Land Use Map designation from Industrial and Low Density Residential to Commercial, and an amendment to the City Zoning Map to change the zoning from Industrial and R-1 to Commercial on the properties identified as PID #17.003.1800, PID #17.003.2305, PID #17.003.2315, PID #17.003.2325, and PID #17.003.2335. The property includes approximately 3.18 acres in total and is located north of State Highway 99, and east and south of Walnut Street and is addressed as 213-221 Walnut Street and 1020 3rd Street.

At 6:11 p.m. the public hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting was called to order which was made on a motion by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the TNT Hearing and Regular December 12, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$408,832.97 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann and which carried with all voting in favor.

Senior Councilmember was appointed to M. Wels, which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

ProGrowth Bank was named as the Official Depository on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The St Peter Herald was designated as the primary newspaper was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The New Ulm Journal was designated as the secondary newspaper was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The following Council Committee Assignments were set and was approved on a motion made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by P. Radel and which carried with all voting in favor:

Planning/Zoning: Fred Froehlich and Phil Radel

Streets: Matt Anthony and Kevin Ostermann

Utilities (Water/Sewer): Mary Wels and Kevin Ostermann

Nuisance/Blight: Mary Wels and Phil Radel

Rural City Fire Association: Fred Froehlich

MN Council of Governments: Matt Anthony

Highway 14 Partnership: Fred Froehlich and Phil Radel

Mayor Froehlich asked what the council's wishes were to sell the 94' dump truck. Zins, Inc does consignment and auction services. The clerk would need to verify the selling of city property with the auditor.

Sell the 94' dump truck according to state statute with Zins, Inc was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Workshop on the parking ordinance was set for January 23 at 6:00 pm.

Resolution #1-11-23 – Closing Fund 426 into 326 was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #1-11-23A – Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the 2023 Lift Station No. 2 Imp as part of the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements Project was approved on a motion made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #1-11-23AA – Approving an Amendment to the City of Nicollet Comprehensive Plan Map was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Ordinance No. 165 – Amending the Nicollet City Zoning Map was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) January 23, 2023, 6:00 pm, Workshop-Parking Ordinance
- 2) February 13, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday
- 3) March 13, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 23, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill.

The purpose of the workshop was to work on the parking ordinance.

The Clerk shared changes from the attorney. Council went over the changes.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) February 13, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday
- 2) March 13, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 13, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Darin Drill and Eric Hauser(*Bolton and Menk*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Wels, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Public Hearing and the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2023 and the workshop of January 23, 2023 was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$95,393.55 were approved on a motion which was made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by P. Radel and which carried with all voting in favor.

Clerk shared a letter from the property owners that their property abuts the NW Area Alley that runs east and west from State Hwy 111 to Burg Ave that is to be part of an improvement project in 2023. Owners stated their feelings as to why they do not feel the cost for paving the alley is justified or warranted.

Posting the proposed parking Ordinance no. 166 on the city website for 10 days before the council approves it at the March meeting was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #02-13-23 - Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #02-13-23A – Decertifying TIF District 1-4 and Closing Fund 314 was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

LG220 – Permit – American Legion, Bingo Event (city park) June 25, 2023 was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) March 13, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday
- 2) April 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Senior Councilmember Mary Wels called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 13, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Councilmember Wels; Councilmembers: Matt Anthony and Phil Radel were present. Mayor Fred Froehlich and Councilmember Kevin Ostermann were absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Darin Drill, Jake and Cyndy Zins, Joe Duncan and Eric Hauser(*Bolton and Menk*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023, was approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$90,692.36 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Mayor Fred Froehlich joined the meeting.

Jake and Cindy Zins were present to request street access off of 3rd Street for the property located at 312 4th Street.

Allowing street access and curb cutting off of 3rd Street at the property owners expense for the property located at 312 4th Street was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Nicollet County is proposing to formally meet with staff, Mayor and others as the city deems appropriate on the subject of CSAH 42 reconstruction. Fred and Kevin will represent the council and will meet on April 13th at 2:15 at City Hall.

Regarding the SIU for Stickney Ingredient, Matt Anthony and Phil Radel were appointed to work with John Graupman from Bolton and Menk to address some issues at the property.

Proposals for installing snow guard/fence on the city/maintenance building was presented.

Proposal from Schwickert's in the amount of \$9,179.00 to install snow fence on the city/maintenance building was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel and which carried with all voting in favor.

Proposal from Schwickert's in the amount of \$889.00 to clean the air ducts in City Hall was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel and which carried with all voting in favor.

Mayor Froehlich briefly asked the council their wishes on working with Joe Richter a commercial real estate agent on using his assistance with development within the city.

Resolution #03-13-23 – Receiving Bids and Awarding Contract on the 2023 Lift Station No.2 Improvements was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #03-13-23A – Receiving Bids and Awarding Contract on the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #03-13-23AB – Release of a portion of New 9th Street from MNDOT was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Ordinance No. 166 – Parking Ordinance was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

New holiday June 19th (effective August 1, 2023) was added to the personnel policy which was approved on a motion made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

A request for funding from MN River Valley Scenic Byway was presented. No action was taken.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) April 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday
- 2) May 8, 2023, 6:00 pm. Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 10, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Mary Pipping, Lance Severin, Anita Yokiell, Ryan Walker, Nick Soronson, Scott Dunbar and Mark Sharpless all of Consolidated Communications.

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2023, was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$161,015.49 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann and which carried with all voting in favor.

The Consolidated Communications group gave an update about upgrading the internet lines to fiber which will create faster speeds. They will be replacing the copper lines with fiber within the city and will take roughly 7-8 weeks to complete.

Mary Pipping was present to discuss emerald ash borer to her tree. She asked if the city has any plans on taking action on the trees in town. Councilmember Radel gave some suggestions and Pipping asked if the city could hold an open house to discuss what can be done with the trees.

Lance Severin was present representing the Crusin' Pine and 99 committee. He stated the group will be having a band on June 22 and August 17 which they will be on a trailer, and the trailer would be turned to block off Pine Street near Rapid Ricks.

Allowing Crusin' Pine and 99 group to put a trailer for their events on June 22 and August 17, to block off Pine Street near Rapid Ricks, with them leaving room behind the trailer for walking access and for the group to contact the Sheriff's department of their intentions was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Clerk noted that the Chamber is asking for the city tractor for city wide cleanup on May 6. It was noted part-time employee Mark Drill will operate the tractor during this event.

Clerk asked if Council would like to volunteer their time during Friendship Days.

Clerk stated that Mediacom has requested a special meeting to present their information on bringing fiber lines for the internet into the city. Also, a workshop with the sheriff regarding fines and fees on the parking ordinance.

Maintenance has requested to hire a part-time seasonal employee for mowing as Mike Holmin has decided to retire his position. Council has thanked Mike for his years of mowing. The Clerk was instructed to post the position and hiring will be at \$16.00 per hour. Maintenance can hire the candidate that he chooses.

Mayor Froehlich has requested that a special workshop is to be setup regarding a potential new development.

Ordinance No. 167 – Providing for the Management of Work in Public-Rights-of-Way and the Issuance of Right-of-Way Permits was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Waiving the monetary limits on municipal tort liability was approved on a motion which was made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

A request for funding from Southern MN Initiative Foundation was presented. No action was taken.

LG220 – Permits– American Legion Auxiliary, Bingo Event-Oct 14, Nov 4 and Dec 30, 2023 which was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) April 19, 2023, 5:30 pm, Workshop-Mediacom and Sheriff, Wednesday
- 2) May 8, 2023, 6:00 pm. Workshop-Potential New Development, Monday
- 3) May 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Wednesday
- 4) June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. on April 19, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Ryan Asmus and Andrew Cotton with Lapointe Utilities, Zach Raskovich, Bob Frazer and Theresa Sunde with Mediacom, and Sheriff Dave Lange.

The purpose of the workshop was for Mediacom to present their intensions with the broadband fiber to the premise build and for a discussion with the Nicollet County Sheriff on the parking ordinance.

Mediacom presented the fiber to the premises project that will make broadband internet services with Gigabit speeds available to 556 existing homes and businesses within the community. Some of the project will consist of setting new pedestals and new cabinets, boring and pulling fiber through. Mediacom is new to the area.

Discussion with the sheriff about what other cities do with contracting with their county law enforcement for those that do not have a police department. In order for the sheriff's department to help enforce some of the city ordinance's an agreement would need to be set up between the sheriff's department and the city. Also, discussion of what other cities charge for fines on parking ordinances and the process.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) May 8, 2023, 6:00 pm. Workshop-Potential New Development, Monday
- 2) May 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Wednesday
- 3) June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 8, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Paul Zins, Mike and Janet Mans, Stan Rosin, Joe Richter (Commercial Real Estate Agent-CBC Fisher Group), Jen Theneman and Leah Petricka with Southwest MN Housing Partnership

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss potential new development and housing study session.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) May 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Wednesday
- 2) June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Councilmember Matt Anthony was absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Josh Anderson, Paul Donna(*D.A Davidson*), Layne Kockelman and Kelsey Larson (*Abdo*), Dale Lange, Al Christensen (*Tri-County Solid Waste*), Karen Fluegge (*The New Ulm Journal*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Wels, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2023, Workshop of April 19, 2023 and Workshop of May 8, 2023 were approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$191,612.10 were approved on a motion which was made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by P. Radel and which carried with all voting in favor.

Dale Lange representing the American Legion was present to ask the use of the City Building for 2023 Friendship Days.

Paul Donna with D.A. Davidson provided a financial plan summary for bonding for the 2023 projects.

Kelsey Larson and Layne Kockelman presented the 2022 audit report.

Al Christensen with Tri-County Solid Waste was present to speak with council regarding the current rural recycling program that is located at the Nicollet County highway department. Christenson is looking for ideas from the city on how to keep the area clean and keep the items contained. With a lot of wind, the recycling seems to blow all over. Council will give their ideas to the Clerk.

Maintenance noted they hired a part-time season employee Joe Mettler for mowing for the 2023 year.

An informational meeting on Emerald Ash Borer was set for May 22, 2023 in the City Maintenance garage.

Resolution No. 05-10-23 – Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023 was approved on a motion made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by K. Ostermann and which carried with all voting in favor.

The 2022 Audit Report was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) May 22, 2023, 6:00 pm, Informational Workshop-Emerald Ash Borer
- 2) June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday
- 3) July 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Informational Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 22, 2023 in the City Garage.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Councilmember Matt Anthony was absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Josh Anderson, Tricia Holcomb, Kathryn Roberts, Tom Rieke, Jerome Anderson, Dana Potter, Josh Olson, Mary Pipping, Dennis Hewitt, Jane Greathouse, Blake Honetschlager, Jake Zins, Chuck Otto, Loren Steffensmeier, Ric Naumann, Mike Holmin and John McKinley.

The purpose of the informational meeting was to provide some information to residents regarding Emerald Ash Borer.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) June 12, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday
- 2) July 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 which was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 12, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Darin Drill, Al Christensen (*Tri-County Solid Waste*), and Karen Fluegge (*The New Ulm Journal*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2023 and Informational Workshop May 22, 2023 were approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$394,017.63 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Anthony and which carried with all voting in favor.

Maintenance noted that the 1993 Ford dump truck was sold on auction for \$7,100.00 with an auction fee of \$350.00.

Mayor Froehlich shared a report of his attendance at the Nicollet Rural City Fire Association joint powers board.

Froehlich asked if council would like to form a committee to work with Southwest MN Housing Partnership regarding development and housing. Councilmembers Radel and Ostermann will be on the committee and setup meetings with Southwest MN Housing.

Councilmember Anthony has been approached by several residents about getting a sidewalk along HWY 111 from 6th Street to 9th Street (to Dollar General). It's been noted several residents walk along HWY 111 on the west side to get to the Dollar General. The Clerk will work with MNDOT regarding the request.

New holiday Juneteenth (July 19) will take in effect June 2023 instead of August 2023 which was added to the personnel policy which was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Al Christensen with Tri-County Solid Waste was present to ask council if they had any suggestions on the recycling program. Council noted that within the city limits there isn't a better spot to put this service. The council would like to see some sort of fencing placed around the dumpsters.

Requesting that Nicollet County install a debris catching fence for recycling that would conform to city standards was approved on a motion which was made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution No. 06-12-23 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AND ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL ON THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BOND, SERIES 2023A was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The following 2023-2024 license renewals were approved on a motion which was made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor:

2023– 2024 License Renewals:

- 1) Mum's the Word, LLC. (Nicollet Mart)*
 - a.) 3.2 Off-Sale; July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$15.00*

- 2) *JBF, Inc. (Cabin Bar)*
 - a.) *On-Sale (Liquor); July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$1,900.00*
 - b.) *Off-Sale (Liquor); July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$100.00*
 - c.) *Sunday; July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$200.00*
- 3) *Rapid Rick’s Bar & Grill, LLC*
 - a.) *On-Sale (Liquor); July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$1,900.00*
 - b.) *Off-Sale (Liquor); July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$100.00*
 - c.) *Sunday; July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$200.00*
- 4) *Nicollet Am. Legion Club and Auxiliary, Inc.*
 - a.) *On-Sale (Liquor); July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$1,900.00*
 - b.) *Sunday; July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; \$200.00*
 - c.) *1-4 day Temp On-Sale Liquor; City Parks; June 23-25, 2023; \$15.00*

Nicollet Fire Relief Association Retirement Rate – retirement rate to \$3,200 per year of service (no change from 2022), rate it will require a \$0 mandatory contribution and requesting that our 2023 deferred interest rate be set at 2% (no change from 2022) was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

2022 Consumer Confidence Report was approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) July 10, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday
- 2) August 14, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 10, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, and Kevin Ostermann were present. Councilmember Phil Radel was absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill and Darin Drill.

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2023 were approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$242,974.82 were approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony and which carried with all voting in favor.

ANDERSON, JOSHUA	JUNE 2023 1ST HLF	\$1,760.02
DRILL, DARIN	JUNE 2023 1ST HLF	\$2,166.10
DRILL, VANESSA	JUNE 2023 1ST HLF	\$1,934.52
METTLER, JOE	JUNE 2023 1ST HLF	\$664.35
PERA	JUNE 2023 1ST HLF	\$1,117.20
ANDERSON, JOSHUA	JUNE 2023 2ND HLF	\$1,760.02
DRILL, DARIN	JUNE 2023 2ND HLF	\$2,218.14
DRILL, VANESSA	CLEANING BAGS	\$1,905.58
METTLER, JOE	JUNE 2023 2ND HLF	\$251.20
NORTHLAND TRUST SERVICES	2012a GO IMP	\$2,717.00
PERA	JUNE 2023 2ND HLF	\$1,111.94
ABDO	2022 audit to state	\$875.00
ARAMARK	rugs	\$125.19
APG MEDIA OF SOUTHERN MN,	DRINKING WATER REPORT	\$1,635.72
BELLISSIMO PAINT & COATINGS	playground equip	\$2,281.40
BOLTON & MENK, INC	2023 infrastruct	\$20,125.50
CTS	MONTHLY FIREWALL	\$312.72
FRONTLINE WARNING SYSTEMS	BATTERY AND SERVICE ON TOWR	\$810.00
GM CONTRACTING, INC	PAY EST 3	\$161,153.43
GOPHER STATE ONE CALL	JUNE TICKETS	\$122.85
HAWKINS INC	AZONE	\$1,397.68
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICAT	june chgs	\$421.32
KENNEDY&GRAVEN, CHARTERED	CANNABIS UPDATE	\$107.25
LEAGUE OF MN CITIES INS TRUST	COVERAGE ON AGITATORS AT PON	\$75.00
MANKATO/FAIRMONT FIRE & SAFE	FIRE EXT INSPECTIONS	\$228.00
MVTL LABORATORIES INC	SAMPLES 06/08	\$405.35
NICOLLET MART	FULE FOR WHIP	\$258.64
NORDIC SOLAR HOLDCO PHASE 2	GERONIMO-MAY	\$2,642.79
ONSITE COMPANIES	PORTA POTS JUNE	\$441.76
OTTO ELECTRIC	WELCOME SIGN NORTH LIGHT	\$451.08
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUS	MARCH BILLINGS	\$235.14
PROGROWTH BANK	INTEREST TIF 318	\$2,975.00
RIVER BEND LEASING	COPIER LEASE	\$118.32
RIVERBEND BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPY LEASE	\$367.51
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	CORDLESS VAC, BATTERY GRINDER	\$692.84
SHRED-IT USA	RECYCLING	\$128.47
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CO	SONAR TESTING	\$2,000.00
US BANK	2019A GO IMP INTEREST	\$17,325.00

XCEL ENERGY	WELCOME SIGN	\$14.58
XCEL ENERGY	welcome sign	\$14.56
XCEL ENERGY	5792500-7	\$2,828.78
VERIZON WIRELESS	483176980	\$154.26
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	401 pine st	\$29.57
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	700 6th St	\$26.65
IRS - Automatic Pymt	FICA PYMT	\$3,926.39
MN REVENUE	7/3/2023	\$661.00
	Total	\$242,974.82

Request from the Nicollet Chamber of Commerce to block off portion of 5th & Pine Streets on August 1 for the Nicollet Night Out event was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Clerk noted the estimated population from the MN State Demographer as of April 2022 is 1,193.

Maintenance Supervisor supplied 2 bids for crack sealing several streets, M.R. Paving & Excavating for \$84,370 and Bargen Inc for \$74,434. Supervisor also supplied a quote for replay on streets from Pine Street from Hwy 99 to 2nd Street and 7th Street from Hwy 111 to Pine in the amount of \$12,098 from Bargen Inc.

The bid from Bargen Inc in the amount of \$74,434 for crack sealing was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The quote from Bargen Inc in the amount of \$12,098 for replay services was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Pay Request No. 1 - 2023 Lift Station No. 2 Imp - GM Contracting - \$110,921.93, Pay Request No. 2 – 2023 Lift Station No. 2 Imp – GM Contracting - \$156,739.02 and Pay Request No. 3 – 2023 Lift Station No. 2 Imp – GM Contracting - \$161,153.43 was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Mayor Froehlich and Councilmember Ostermann met with Nicollet County regarding CSAH 42(Old Hwy 14) reconstruction from Main Street to Birch Street. Some discussion was had on drainage and a possible trail.

Authorize preparation of Plans & Specifications for the reconstruction of approximately 350LF of sanitary sewer and 500LF of watermain crossing CSAH 42 (Old Hwy 14) just west of Elm Street (CSAH 33). The plans are to be provided to Nicollet County for inclusion in the bidding documents for the planned reconstruction of CSAH 42 (Old Hwy 14) from Main Street (TH 111) to Birch Street was approved on a motion made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Request Nicollet County include provisions in their planned reconstruction project for CSAH 42 (Old Hwy 14) for a bituminous trail on the north side from Main Street (TH 111) to Birch Street. Also, to participate in discussions between the City and MnDOT for the trail crossing Main Street (TH 111) at a location approximately 175' south of 7th Street for the purposes of identifying any features necessary to permit said crossing was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) August 14, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday
- 2) September 11, 2023, 6:00 pm., Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Councilmember Matt Anthony called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 14, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Councilmember Anthony; Councilmembers: Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Mayor Fred Froehlich and Councilmember Mary Wels was absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill and Karen Fluegge (*The New Ulm Journal*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2023 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$449,382.82 were approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel and which carried with all voting in favor.

Clerk noted that a workshop is necessary since 2 councilmembers aren't present regarding a bituminous trail on the north side from Main Street(TH111) to Birch Street as Nicollet County is waiting to hear from the city.

Councilmember Radel asked if the clerk could contact the City Attorney regarding some billing questions that have arose with the SIU billings for Stickney Ingredients.

Authorizing the clerk to contact the City Attorney regarding billing questions from the SIU with Stickeney Ingredients was approved on a motion made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Councilmember Ostermann received a nuisance complaint regarding the weeds growing around a dirt pile located behind the property at 1014 3rd Street.

Pay Request No. 1 - 2023 Infrastructure Imp – W.W. Blacktopping, Inc in the amount of \$287,867.32 was approved on a motion by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Rapid Rick's Bar & Grill, LLC – use catering permit license during community event – Crusin' Pine and 99 on the corner of Pine and 99 was approved on a motion by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) September 11, 2023, 6:00 pm., Regular Meeting, Monday
- 2) October 9, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Councilmember Mary Wels and Matt Anthony were absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Bill Blashack and Karen Fluegge(*The New Ulm Journal*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made F. Froehlich, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023 were approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$178,927.30 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resident Bill Blashack was present to request relief for portion of the sewer billing from the Catholic Church as he was been watering the grass after the church cut down trees. Council stated the water used went through the meter and the church should look into getting an outside meter so when they water outside sewer charges won't occur.

Clerk noted that the mayor and herself have attended a round table discussion with Nicollet County regarding cannabis. Future meetings will be set up, more information will be provided.

Council discussed the CSAH 42 trail and the next steps, council felt that there are too many unknowns and that there wasn't a full council to make a decision. It was decided they need more information but would like to move forward with the MNDOT coordination to determine if MNDOT will allow access to cross Highway 111.

Working with Nicollet County on MN DOT Coordination regarding a crossing at CSAH 42 trail in the amount of \$5,000 was approved on a motion by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by F. Froehlich, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Mayor Froehlich gave a report on his attendance with the Nicollet rural city fire association joint powers board.

Councilmember Ostermann stated that Radel and himself had a conference call with SW Partnership regarding coming up with a plan for development and grants. Future meetings will be set up.

A brief discussion on trucks parking along Elm Street and causing blind spots for the bike/walking trail that comes off of the park.

No parking signs to be placed along Elm Street on the east side of Greenspace park/west side of Elm Street for safety precautions was approved on a motion by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Pay Request No. 2 – 2023 Infrastructure Imp – W.W. Blacktopping, Inc in the amount of \$52,206.15 was approved on a motion by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

LG220 Applications for the American Legion, Bingo Events, January 13, 2024, February 3, 2024, February 10, 2024, March 9, 2024, June 23, 2024 was approved on a motion made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution 09-11-23-Establishing City Regulations Related to Counting of Write-in Votes was approved on a motion by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) October 9, 2023, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting, Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on September 27, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Council members Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, and Kevin Ostermann were in attendance. Councilmember Phil Radel was absent. Staff present: Vanessa Drill.

Members sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the special meeting was to set the Prelim levy, Prelim budget for 2024, and set the Truth in Taxation Hearing date for December 2023.

Resolution #09-27-23– Adopting the Proposed 2024 Levy of \$610,524.00 was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by K. Ostermann and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #09-27-23A – Adopting the Proposed 2024 Budget was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Truth and Taxation Hearing was set for Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:00 pm with regular city council meeting to follow.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m. which was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 9, 2023 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony and Phil Radel were present. Councilmember Kevin Ostermann was absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill and Karen Fluegge(*The New Ulm Journal*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2023 and the special meeting of September 27, 2023 were approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$90,562.00 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Delinquent SIU billings in the amount of \$288,329.38 for the property located at 734 6th Street to be certified to the tax roll at Nicollet County was approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Mayor and Clerk to use discession on investing in a CD at ProGrowth Bank, transferring money out of the checking account to do so was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Pay Request No. 4 – 2023 Lift Station No. 2 Imp - GM Contracting in the amount of \$38,568.21 was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Pay Request No. 3 – 2023 Infrastructure Imp – W.W. Blacktopping, Inc in the amount of \$204,765.18 was approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

LG220 Application – Sioux Trails Ducks Unlimited, Bingo Event – December 9, 2023 was approved on a motion which was made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

LG220 Application for the American Legion Auxiliary, Bingo Events, March 23, 2024, April 13, 2024, October 26, 2024, November 9, 2024, December 28, 2024 was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution 10-9-23- Calling for Hearing on Final Assessments for the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements was approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) November 13, 2023, 6:00 pm, Public Hearing – Monday
- 2) November 13, 2023, 6:30 pm, Regular Meeting - Monday
- 3) December 4, 2023, 6:00 pm, Truth and Taxation – Monday
- 4) December 4, 2023, 6:15 pm, Regular Meeting - Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Public Hearing of the final assessments for the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 13, 2023 in the City Maintenance Garage.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Councilmember Matt Anthony was absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Darin Drill, Steve Thompkins, Bill and Barb Blashack, Jerry Salfer, Andrew Beitlich, Tom Uehling, Glenn Thompson, Jerome and Shaun Anderson, Anna Pugh, Heather Robb, Kelly Olson, Ashley Black, Daniel Sheeks, Bill Beranek, Richard Michels, Joe Duncan and Eric Hauser (*Bolton and Menk*) and Karen Fluegge (*The New Ulm Journal*).

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear, consider and pass upon all written or oral objections, if any, to proposed assessments in respect to the infrastructure improvements which were included in the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements Project.

The following residents spoke out:

Bill Blashack asked about the reshaped alley and new pipes

Glenn Thompson stated end of driveway not happy with

Jerry Salfer asked what size storm pipe

Andrew Beitlich asked about wide trench in his yard and asked if the some of the cost of paving of the alley project can be spread out more to the property owners

Kelly Olson asked when is the final payment made to the contractor on the project, asked if trees will be re-planted in the park, stated no one went to each property owner and talked about the project and that the property owners were told the alley would be widened

Bill Beranek asked about sump pump lines and drain tile at 200 Main St, has concerns about water in his yard at 609 Pine St

Daniel Sheeks & Ashley Black asked about Stickney's water coming off of the building

Jerome Anderson asked if the Burg Ave sign will be reposted, asked why they needed to pay for more gravel to be brought in and is it typical for property owners to pay for project that isn't completed

Heather Robb noted that when backing out of her garage her car bottoms out

Anna Pugh asked about gravel used on the driveway at 200 Main St

Mayor Froehlich noted that Joe Duncan with Bolton and Menk will address and write down the concerns after the public hearing regarding the project. The hearing is regarding the assessments.

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:00 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on November 13, 2023.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Councilmember Matt Anthony was absent. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Darin Drill, Joe Duncan and Eric Hauser (*Bolton and Menk*) and Karen Fluegge (*The New Ulm Journal*).

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9 2023 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$428,190.77 were approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Joe Duncan spoke with the council regarding CSAH-42 and his discussion with MNDOT regarding a crosswalk on HWY 111 if the city were to put in a trail. MNDOT encourages the city to pursue planning assistance grants to help develop an active transportation plan or a safe route plan. These plans would need to be developed in order for MNDOT in order to identify a needed infrastructure. These plans would cost money. Mayor Froehlich and councilmember Ostermann will talk with a couple County Commissioners regarding the trail.

Employee Reviews will be December 1 with Phil Radel and Mary Wels.

Resolution #11-13-23 – Adopting the 2023 Infrastructure Improvements Assessment Roll with 15 years term at 6.0 percent was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Resolution #11-13-23A – Adopting and Certifying Liens for Delinquent Sewer Charges and Penalties was approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Pay Request No. 4 – 2023 Infrastructure Imp – W.W. Blacktopping, Inc in the amount of \$158,627.47 was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) December 4, 2023, 6:00 pm, Truth and Taxation – Monday
- 2) December 4, 2023, 6:15 pm, Regular Meeting – Monday
- 3) January 8, 2024, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting - Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Wels, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Truth and Taxation Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. on December 4, 2023 in the council chambers.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers Mary Wels, Matthew Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Other in attendance included Vanessa Drill, Derek Wahl, and Karen Fluegge (*The New Ulm Journal*).

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the hearing was to hear comments on the 2023 Budget and Tax Levy.

With no public input at 6:05 p.m. the Truth and Taxation Hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting of the City Council was called to order which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Wels, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting of November 13, 2023 was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

The bills totaling \$256,099.61 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.

Derek Wahl of 315 Elm Street was present to request location of his driveway. Wahl requested that his driveway be moved off of Elm Street and relocated to 4th Street as they are building a new garage. Council discussed that this would be an improved safety issue for the property and the property owner should contact Nicollet County for permitting as Elm Street is a county aid road.

Relocation of driveway at the property located at 315 Elm Street from Elm Street to 4th Street with the new cub cut removal/replacement at the property owner's expense was approved on a motion made by F. Froehlich, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Clerk presented a new platform for the current meter reading device that reads all the meters. The current platform will no longer be supported in June of 2024. The cost for the new platform is \$11k with an \$1,800.00 annual support fee.

Updating the current platform for the meter reading device of water meters at the cost of \$11k with an \$1,800 annual support fee was approve on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

There were 2 nuisance complaints addressed at city council. 312 4th Street – complaints of operational equipment for a business in a residential zone and 402 4th Street – housing of chickens which is not permitted within the city. Council instructed the clerk to send a letter to 402 4th Street stating they will have 30 days to remove the chickens. Councilmember Radel will talk with the property owner of 312 4th Street regarding the zoning and operating a business in residential zone.

Council discussed giving Nicollet Township until January 2024 to hold their meetings at city hall and then they will need to find another facility to hold their monthly meetings.

Mayor Froehlich provided the Fire Chief's report from his attendance at the joint powers board meeting in November.

Mayor Froehlich and councilmember Ostermann will meet with County Commissioner Zins regarding CSAH 42 regarding a trail.

Pursuant to MN Statute 181.9445-1871.9448 Earned Sick and Safe Leave effective Jan 2024 the city personnel policy was updated which was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Mayor requested that an American Flag be hung outside city hall.

Purchasing a flag pole with a light to be placed outside city hall was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, which carried with all voting in favor.

RESOLUTION #12-04-23: ADOPTING THE FINAL 2024 TAX LEVY was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

RESOLUTION #12-04-23A: ADOPTING THE FINAL 2024 BUDGET was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

With no further regular business, the meeting was closed at 6:57 p.m. to conduct employee reviews which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.

At 7:25 pm the closed meeting was reopened which was approved on a motion made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Effective January 1, 2024 the 3 regular employees will receive a \$1.70/hr. increase per hr., which was approved on a motion made by P. Radel, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Seasonal (regular) lawn mowing employee will receive a \$1.00/hr. increase and the part-time employees (snow removal) will receive a \$1.00/hr. increase, which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with 4 members voting in favor and Fred Froehlich abstaining.

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- 1) January 8, 2024, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting – Monday
- 2) February 12, 2024, 6:00 pm, Regular Meeting - Monday

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.

Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer