EXIRA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

7:30 PM

The Exira City Council met in city hall on Monday, September 11, 2023. Present were Mayor Mike Huegerich and Council Members: Dwight Jessen, Clark Borkowski, Dorreen Schrader, Nathan Wahlert, and Mark Paulsen. City Clerk Meg Andersen, City Attorney Clint Fichter, Deputy Seaton, Deputy James, Blake Birkel and four residents were also present.

Mayor Huegerich called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to approve the agenda. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Paulsen, seconded by Schrader, to approve the consent agenda. All voted aye, motion passed.

Mayor Huegerich presented the August 2023 Sheriff’s report. Deputy Jimmy James introduced himself.

Public comments were heard on odor, refuse, and animal nuisances at 307 S Carthage St. A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Borkowski, to pursue condemnation of 307 S Carthage St. All voted aye, motion passed.

Blake Birkel with JEO consulting group presented wastewater treatment upgrade options and answered questions from council regarding funding and next steps in the process.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Wahlert, to set a public information meeting to discuss the City of Exira’s intent to apply for USDA funding on October 9, 2023 at 7:30 PM. All voted aye, motion passed.

City Clerk presented progress report on the Edgerton Street bridge project and reconstruction options. A bridge engineer from JEO is planning to attend the October 9th council meeting to explain reconstruction options and provide a professional recommendation.

A motion made by Jessen, seconded by Borkowski, to approve the sidewalk reconstruction permit at 105 N Carthage St. Four Ayes, Wahlert abstained, motion passed.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Paulsen, to approve fence permit for 301 E Depot St. All voted aye, motion passed.

Mayor Huegerich proclaimed 5 PM to 7 PM on Tuesday October 31, 2023, as trick or treat night for in the City of Exira.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Wahlert, to approve city clerk attendance and associated costs for ILOC annual conference, IMPI Fall session, and IMFOA Fall conference. All voted aye, motion passed.

A motion made by Borkowski, seconded by Jessen, to approve Ordinance 244 Trees and waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 244 Trees. Roll Call Vote: Paulsen-aye, Schrader-aye, Wahlert-aye, Borkowski-aye, Jessen-aye. Ordinance 244 passed and effective 9-11-2023.

A motion made by Wahlert, seconded by Schrader, to credit $46.13 in sewer charges to 201 N Cottage St. All voted aye, motion passed.

Exira EHK yearbook sponsorship was tabled.

City Clerk office hours are 8 AM to 3 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with remote work approved on Wednesdays.

A plaque will be ordered for the Curry memorial bench using remaining memorial funds.

The City of Exira was awarded USDA grant funds in the amount of $28,900 towards the fire department roof replacement.

The City of Exira was awarded $5,000 in funds from the Community Forestry Grant. A community tree planting day will take place on October 14, 2023, at 8 AM in the City and Legion Parks. Volunteers are needed to assist in planting 38 new trees.

City Clerk provided status updates for street paving on W South St., N Cottage St., N Kilworth St., and S Carthage St. as well as Snyder & Associates survey work.

Council discussed potential future windmill proximity to the City of Exira. City Attorney will prepare presentation for next council meeting.

A motion made by Schrader, seconded by Borkowski, to adjourn at 8:57 PM.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor Meg Andersen, City Clerk