EXIRA CITY COUNCIL MEETING- WORK SESSION

108 E WASHINGTON ST. – CITY HALL

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

5:30 PM

The Exira City Council met for a work session in city hall on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. Present were Mayor Mike Huegerich, City Clerk Meg Andersen, and City Attorney Clint Fichter. Council Members Nathan Wahlert, Doreen Shrader, Clark Borkowski, Mark Paulsen, and Dwight Jessen, as well as public works employee, Mike Lauritsen, were also in attendance.

The council reviewed and discussed the following topics and projects:

IDNR required wastewater treatment facility upgrades: The City of Exira will continue to work with JEO Consulting Group. Testing of water samples will begin July 5th when necessary equipment is received. Next meeting with JEO will be held virtually July 13 at 9 AM.

Water: City Clerk and council member Borkowski provided updates from the Regional Water Association board meeting. Regional Water is adding riffles to the Nishnabotna River as a temporary solution, and in the process of connecting to Council Bluffs Waterworks as a permanent water supply solution. It was discussed that it is not feasible to acquire our own water supply and build a new wastewater treatment plant. Council discussed exploring back-up water supply options with the cities of Atlantic, Elk Horn, and Audubon.

Streets, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and trail development: Discussion was had on connecting T-Bone Trail to Exira via Washington St or Legion Park. Street maintenance and upgrades coinciding with curb and gutter replacement were discussed, but need to be fully assessed. City Attorney will set up an assessment, and also present council with a model program for sidewalks at the next work session.

Trees: City Clerk provided updates on tree grants and will begin a tree fundraiser July 1, 2023, to help cover the cash match portion of the Community Forestry Grant. There are at least 7 additional trees that will need to be removed in the city park, as well as others around the city. The IDNR will complete a forestry survey at the end of July and provide a detailed report by Spring 2024 on the condition of all trees on city property. City Attorney will present updated tree ordinance for council review at the regular July council meeting.

Housing: Council discussed need for more housing and programs to assist residents needing home repairs. City Attorney will present on a project to develop city owned E Depot lots at a later meeting.

City Clerk will organize city wide garage sale the first weekend of August in conjunction with Exira Public Library fundraiser.

The work session ended at 6:30 PM.

Mike Huegerich, Mayor Meg Andersen, City Clerk