the Lincoln City Council

Regular meeting

Thursday April 2, 2023

7:00pm

The regular City Council meeting of the City of Lincoln was called to order by Interim Mayor Praska at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll Call: Ryan Glass, Amanda Davis, Carrie Praska, Jaime Leingang

Glass moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Organize Agenda under New Business, seconded by Leingang. MCU

Under the consent agenda, Davis moved to approve, seconded by Glass. MCU

**Old Business:**

Auditor Aune reported that more data is needed for Dakota Media Access to evaluate.

Comprehensive Plan committee is being selected.

**New Business:**

City Attorney Justin Hagel read Ordinance 8-03-01: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ENACT SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE DESIGNATIONS, Glass moved to approve the first reading, seconded by Davis

Upon roll call vote: all-Aye, no-Nay. MCU

Glass moved to amend the Employee handbook to include a stipend of $500.00 to new City Public Works employees with the requirement of payback if employee resigns within 6 months and a $250.00 a year stipend each year after for clothing and boots, seconded by Leingang. MCU

Davis moved to amend the Employee handbook to increase the probationary period from 6 months to 12 months and any employee promotions will have a 12 month probationary period for the new position, seconded by Leingang. MCU

Glass moved to amend the Employee handbook to increase the amount of compensatory time stored will increase from 40 hours to 80 hours, seconded by Davis. MCU

Glass moved to revisit adding Juneteenth to the holiday calendar when the State of ND recognizes it, seconded by Glass. MCU

Davis moved to add public comments before Old Business of each agenda with a sign in sheet, seconded by Glass. MCU

Clean up day was discussed and 20 volunteers will be needed to be able to do curbside pickup.

Glass moved to move the portfolios to other business at the end of the agenda, motion dies for lack of second.

Rural Fire Chief Dustin Theurer reported 168 total calls for 2023 with 29 to the City of Lincoln. He wanted to remind the public to switch out the batteries in the smoke alarms and make sure to have an escape plan.

Sergeant Hoffer reported 42 criminal arrests, March calls for service was 304 with 807 total calls for service in 2023. Sergeant Hoofer reviewed the trainings for all the officers.

Interim Public Works Director Terry Schutt reported that they have been busy with snow removal, lead and copper classes, storm drain maintenance, and equipment maintenance.

**Portfolios:**

Councilwoman Davis has been digging out fire hydrant and would like volunteers to help. Davis wanted to remind everyone to watch for children being outside with the weather becoming nicer.

Councilman Glass had nothing to report.

Councilman Leingang had nothing to report.

Carrie Praska wanted to make citizens aware of children sledding down snow piles into streets.

Auditor Aune reported that the Economic Development Committee with be meeting on May 15th at 6:00. City staff will be assisting the EDC with administrative duties. The EDC is looking for committee members.

The 2018 Water Reserve Fund account has been created, due to the fact that the required yearly transfer into this account has not been made, Auditor Aune will transfer $52,250 from the Water Fund account into the 2018 Water Reserve Fund account.

Special election for Mayor is on April 18th from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The April newsletter is available. Copies are at the City office. Residents are asked to call the City office to get on a mail list.

Kathy Schneibel requested an audit update. Auditor Aune stated the auditors have stated they would have reports by the end of April.

Davis moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm, seconded by Leingang. MCU

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Interim Mayor Carrie Praska Auditor Lisa Aune