the Lincoln City Council

Regular meeting

Thursday May 4, 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.

Oath of Office was given to Keli Berglund as Mayor of the City of Lincoln.

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

Praska moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Glass. MCU

Public Comment

Elizabeth Flemming offered paying for the upgraded computer to have continuous access on Dakota Media Access.

Praska moved to approve the consent agenda, Glass seconded. MCU

**Old Business:**

Upon review of the cost of an upgraded computer, Praska moved to purchase a new computer, seconded by Glass. MCU

Praska moved to approve offering family insurance coverage at a 50% cost to the employee, seconded by Glass. Davis moved to amend the motion to decrease the amount paid by City of Lincoln to 40%, seconded by Praska. Davis moved amend the motion to start at the rate of 40% for the first year, 50% for the second year and 60% for the third year, to be paid by the City of Lincoln, seconded by Praska. MCU

Praska moved to approve City Attorney, Justin Hagel, to read a shortened version of the 13-10-04 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ENACT CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR STRIKING A VEHICLE, seconded by Davis. MCU Glass moved to have the rescission of ordinance 13-10-04 from the City ordinances as a second and final reading of said ordinance, seconded by Praska. MCU

**New Business:**

Praska moved to approve the personnel action, which promoted Tami Erman to Deputy Auditor, seconded by Leingang. MCU

Praska moved to designate The Bismarck Tribune as the City of Lincoln’s official newspaper, seconded by Glass. MCU

Mayor Berglund requested a Round Table Discussion to take place. Glass moved to approve May 18th at 6:00pm if all Council could make the time and date work, seconded by Davis. MCU

Ervin Fisher addressed the City Council with concerns of spending money on part of the transmission line with the incoming water reservoir and water transmission line project. Davis moved to rescind the bid awarding motion from April 20th meeting, motion fails for lack of second.

Mountain Plains Engineering reported on April’s summary of activities and the project status update.

Rural Fire Chief Dustin Theurer reported 225 total calls for 2023 with 37 to the City of Lincoln. He wanted to remind the public to move grills away from decking, overhanging branches and from the home before starting the grilling season.

Sergeant Hoffer reported 16 criminal arrests, April calls for service were 313 with 1,183 total calls for service in 2023. Sergeant Hoofer reviewed the trainings for all the officers.

Public Works Director Terry Schutt reported that there is an emergency City line that can be called with all after hours calls. The number is 1-701-877-1887. Schutt submitted a list of items that could be auctioned off. City Attorney, Justin Hagel, stated that he would draw up a resolution for the items to be auctioned. Mayor Berglund asked if Schutt would check with the Park Board to see if they could use any of the items. Councilman Leingang announced that Terry Schutt has agreed to becoming the City of Lincoln’s PW Director.

**Portfolios:**

Councilwoman Davis stated there is work being started at the dog park. She also asked for motorists to be careful of children playing outside.

Councilman Glass wanted to remind residents that there is a 48 hour trailer parking ordinance.

Councilman Leingang stated that the City of Bismarck hosted a street sweeping training for the Public Works Department. Crack sealing training will be done in May.

Councilwoman Carrie Praska stated that the Arbor Day event at Lincoln Elementary was held on April 28th. She thanked all that came to help.

Mayor Berglund had nothing to report.

Auditor Aune reported that the Economic Development Committee with be meeting on May 15th at 7:00pm. Praska moved to approve Auditor Aune’s request to consolidate the COL’s checking accounts, seconded by Glass. MCU

Praska moved to approve the purchase of three Certificate of Deposits, totaling $5,000,000, to be divided equally between 3-month, 6-month and an 18-month terms, pending rate comparison with Hometown Credit Union, seconded by Davis. MCU

Praska moved to designate Keli Berglund, Lisa Aune and Robyn Krile as designated signature holders and removing Stephanie Sheets and Carrie Praska, seconded by Davis. MCU

Praska moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm, seconded by Davis. MCU

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Mayor Keli Berglund Auditor Lisa Aune