

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday November 21st, 2023, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Rod Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Andy Young, Dan Hennigar, Shayne Hennigar, Nick McOllough and Dave Flurer. Also in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, City Attorney Chizek, PWD DeVries, and Officer Thompson.

Mayor Heiden called the meeting to order and the 5th Grade Webelos Cub Scout Pack 4112, Den 5 Arrow of Light-Flag Presentation.

Mayor Heiden polled the council for any conflicts of interest with the agenda, there were none. Mayor Heiden asked if there were any citizens to address the council, there were none.

Motioned by Flurer seconded by D. Hennigar to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes- 2023.11.07; Financial report- approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) Liquor - Chappy's, Top of Iowa Lucky Wife; Approve CD renewal to First Citizens for 12-month option @ 5.46% (Motion passed 5-0).

Motioned by Young seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (23-75) approving Pay Request #7 with Peterson Construction for WTP Project for \$280,250.00 (Motion passed 5-0).

Bob Powers of Paradigm Benefits presented on the changes to the City Employee Benefits. Looks like a 2.64% increase, which is lower than the projection we received last year. Motioned by Young seconded by McOllough to approve employee Health Care Plan 2024 (Motion passed 5-0).

Chad Chapman and Linda Lloyd from the Clarion Library came to the council to discuss snow removal. The city clears snow from the parking lots and does the first pass of the east and south sidewalk with the same skid loader that does uptown. Looking at finding a more cost-effective way of clearing the remaining snow as the contractor that does it now is very expensive.

Q&A with Cub Scout Pack 4112, asked several questions to the council members as part of their learning about City Government. Scouts Ciaran Holmes, Adriana Annis, and Jameson Gunsolley asked questions ranging from, why did you want to get into public service, to what are you doing about more housing in town. Mayor and council members all took turns answering. Several in attendance clapped for the scouts when completed.

Motioned by Young seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Third/Final Reading of Ordinance 625 - Adding Chapter 172 regarding Setoff (Motion passed 5-0).

Motioned by S. Hennigar seconded by D. Hennigar to approve Accept and Adopt Ordinance 625 - Adding Chapter 172 regarding Setoff (Motion passed 5-0).

Motioned by Young seconded by Flurer to approve Review and take action on FY23 Annual Financial Report (Motion passed 5-0).

Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Review and take action on the FY23 Urban Renewal Annual Report (Motion passed 5-0).

Motioned by Flurer seconded by D. Hennigar to approve Resolution (23-76) TIF Debt (Motion passed 5-0).

Comments from the Council or Dept heads: PWD DeVries stated that door hangers will be coming out to those houses that have Ash Trees that the city will have removed. That hanger will have specific information. Young commented on all the newly paved roads.

Motioned by Young seconded by McOllough to adjourn. All Ayes. (Motion passed 5-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Clint Middleton City Administrator

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Rod Heiden, Mayor