

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with Mayor Duane Asbe presiding. Council members present were Josh Diamond, Dan Hennigar, Dave Maxheimer and Jim Williams. Council member Andy Young was absent. Also present were City Administrator Jordan Cook, DPW Jon DeVries, Deputy Clerk Lisa Hanson and Police Chief Steve Terhark.

Mayor Asbe called the meeting to order and asked the Council if there were any conflicts with any of the agenda items, none were reported. Mayor Asbe inquired if there were any citizens present to address the Council, there were none.

Motion by Diamond, seconded by Williams to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from January 2, 2018; financial claims from January 2, 2018 through January 15, 2018; No revenue report; no financial transfers; building permit for Brent Rink for an addition to a garage; no beer/liquor permits; no sign permits; no street closures. Roll call vote, Diamond, aye; Hennigar, aye; Maxheimer, aye; Williams, aye; consent agenda was approved.

Shari Plagge, Wright County Assessor attended to the Council a presentation on the tax assessment process and to answer any questions the Council had. Mayor Asbe thanked Plagge for her informative presentation.

Bob Powers from Paradigm Benefits presented the Council with an overview of the City's employee healthcare plan from 2015 to present. The Council was pleased to see that the City had a cost realization of 12% in 2015-2016, 5% in 2016-2017 and a 3% increase in 2017-2018. The Council thanked Powers and Paradigm Benefits for the work they do to try and keep costs down.

Motion by Maxheimer, seconded by Hennigar to approve the City farm leases with Richard Hammen for the 2018 season, all ayes approved.

The Council then set the date of Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 4 pm for the FY2019 budget workshop.

The job description for the Recreation Director was reviewed with Maxheimer making the motion to approve the description and advertising of the position. Diamond seconded the motion and all ayes passed.

A development agreement with Burtek Ice was discussed. Motion by Williams, seconded by Diamond to table the discussion and approval of the agreement until Burtek was available to make a presentation to the Council. All ayes approved, and the agreement was tabled.

The Council Committees list was distributed and reviewed. Hennigar inquired if he could be put on the Streets & Utilities committee as that was his expertise. Cook will contact the City Attorney to make sure there would be no conflict of interest and report back next meeting.

Motion by Maxheimer to adjourn, seconded by Williams, all ayes approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Hanson, Deputy Clerk

  
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Jordan Cook, City Administrator

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Duane D. Asbe, Mayor