

City Council Proceedings

Plankinton City Council met in special year end session on Wednesday, December 27th, 2023.

City Council members present were Mayor Brad Kehn and Council Members Jason Schurz, Magdalena Popek-Hurst, Carl Bode and Terry Schuldt.

City employee was Deputy Finance Officer Cindy Geiman.

Visitors were Dan Geiman, Skyler Kehn and Gayle Van Genderen.

Mayor Kehn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Popek-Hurst made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

BILLS TO PAY

Schurz made a motion to approve the bills to pay. Seconded by Bode. All voted aye. Motion carried.

A & B BUSINESS-EQUIPMENT LEASING-\$254.34; ARAMARK UNIFORM-RUG CONTRACT-\$33.30; AVERA HEALTH PLANS-EMP. HEALTH INS.-\$10870.00; BARNES & NOBLE-BOOKS-\$183.24; BARRY GEIMAN-PHONE STIPEND-\$150.00; BORDER STATES-ELEC. SUPPLIES-\$605.99; CARL BODE-CELL PHONE STIPEND-\$75.00; CENTRAL ELECTRIC-RAMP LIGHTING/WHEELING FEES-\$2050.43; CHANCE BOYD-PHONE STIPEND-\$150.00; DARIN CRANNY-PHONE STIPEND-\$150.00; DELTA DENTAL-EMP. DENTAL-\$378.20; DEPT. OF ENERGY-POWER PURCHASE-\$16568.83; EAST RIVER ELEC-WHEELING FEES-\$5105.10; HEARTLAND-POWER PURCHASE-\$38874.84; IRBY-ELEC SUPPLIES-\$1325.00; KYLEE URBAN-PHONE STIPEND-\$150.00; MENARDS-SUPPLIES-\$212.31; OVERWEG AUTO-REPAIRS 2004 PICKUP-\$6152.93; PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES-FITNESS EQUIP SIGNS-\$79.74; PLANKINTON LUMBER-CEM SHED-\$11970.74; PLANKINTON LUMBER-FIRE HALL ROOF-\$24844.12; SD DEPT OF HEALTH-WATER TESTING-\$15.00; SD DOT-FUEL-\$198.39; SDMEA-ANNUAL DUES-\$824.00; SPN-BRIGGS LIFT STATION-\$8637.47; VERIZON WIRELESS-TOWER INT/SURFACE PRO-\$79.12; VISA-SUPPLIES-\$2738.01; VSP-EMP. VISION INS.-\$167.26

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schurz made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11th meeting. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION as PER SDCL 1-25-2 (3)

Schuldt made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Schurz. All voted aye.

The council went into executive session at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Kehn declared the council out of executive session at 7:04 p.m. with no action taken.

CONTRACT OF LAW REVIEW

Bode visited the county commissioners meeting last week and spoke with them about the contract of law. Bode made a new formula and proposal of the contract pricing that included population and came to the price of \$77,971. He let the council know his counter proposal was rejected by the commissioners. But the commissioners are looking at capping the increase on yearly contract of law amounts. Bode's suggestion to the council is to go with the current contract for the first 3 months and see what changes happen with an extra deputy and see if there can be more discussion and see if the county commissioners and city can come to a conclusion with the contract and capping increases. Gayle Van Genderen commended Bode for the work he did and the meeting with the commissioners.

Bode made a motion to approve the 2024 contract law agreement with Aurora County, committing to the first three months of funding with a 60-day evaluation. All voted aye. No opposed. Motion not carried, as there was no second. This matter will be revoted during the January 8th meeting to carry on with the motion. The no second of the motion was not determined until after the meeting.

COLA (COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT) FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

The council has tabled this until the January 8th meeting.

GWORKS

Cindy Geiman, Deputy Finance Officer, explained to the council that the new HR Hub is installed in the computer, some tweaking does need to be done, for everything to be implemented correctly. There will be more training on this on January 3rd, 2024.

PICKUP FLATBED

Mayor Kehn asked the council to entertain the idea of replacing the flatbed on the White Ford pickup as it is rusted. The council agreed to entertain getting pricing for a new flatbed for the pickup. Supt. Darin Cranny will bring pricing to the January 8th meeting.

Citizen Skyler Kehn wanted to thank the council for renewing the contract of law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL AS [PER SDCL 1-25-2(1)]

Schurz made a motion to enter executive session with Dan Geiman present. Seconded by Popek-Hurst. All voted aye. The council and Dan Geiman entered executive session at 7:26 pm.

Mayor Kehn declared the council out of executive session at 7:51 p.m. No action taken

Mayor's Report:

Thanks to the following people for the trays of goodies. SPN, Topkote, Howard and Sharon Weischedel, Todd and Tracy Everson and Michael and Annette McReynolds.

Wanted to thank the city employees for a good job on snow removal.

Reminded members of the council that the January Meeting will be held on January 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Schurz wanted the council to know to thank Barry Geiman for coming in on his day off to help with snow removal.

Popek-Hurst wanted to thank everyone for a great year.

Gayle Van Genderen brought up how wonderful the new mural looked. She talked to artist Zach DeBoer about possible sun fading of the mural and what could be done? Also suggested that the mural needs to go on the west side of city hall with lights shining on it. Mayor Kehn agreed that it would be nicer on the west side so people can see it coming into town.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Brad Kehn,

Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Geiman,

Deputy Finance Officer