

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Alderperson Stroh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk, Jesse Hall, called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.

A quorum was present. The minutes were recorded by City Clerk, Jesse Hall.

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was repeated by all City Officials and guests.

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**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Ray made a motion to allow Alderperson Stroh to act as Mayor Pro Tempore, since Mayor Stadsholt is not in attendance. Seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of January 18, 2022.

**ACTION TAKEN:** There being none, the minutes are approved as submitted.

**FINANCE REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Griffin made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Finance Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Griffin, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson Chaney made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray and Brown

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report  
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report  
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report  
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHALL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Fire Marshall, Matthew Fliege reported on the following item:

- The Mayor asked me to put out any information or answer any questions you might have on VISTRA. You should have received the handout in your mailbox. The meeting we had last week informed us that they are moving forward with the battery storage facility with construction starting this time next year. All this information is in the handout that is in your mailbox. If you have any questions please let me know.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Gary Davis, with Farnsworth Engineering, reported on the following items:

- We received an email from the EPA on the elevated tank asking if we wanted to get an EPA revolving loan fund.
- We are finishing up the NPDES discharge permit for the wastewater plant. It expires on August 31, 2022, we will have it finished by the end of this month.
- We did the infrastructure grant last spring. They said they are not going to make notices on those until the first quarter of 2022 and there are no updates on Main Street grant so I will keep you updated on that.
- Next council meeting on February 15, 2022 we will have the Railroad agreement for you to review and comment on for the business park path.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FINANCE AND PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report  
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**DISCUSSION:** No report  
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Ray said Administrative Assistant, Savannah Burgett worked up a preliminary application form on the UTV's for us. I just wanted to see if anybody had anything they wanted to change or add so we can get initial interest to see how many people we're dealing with before we bite off a traffic study. Alderperson Ray said City Attorney, Blake Lindner would be happy to finalize anything at any time but he wants to make sure we are all on board. Alderperson Chaney asked if the city had to do a traffic study. Alderperson Ray said not if there are only ten people. We are just going to be covered better if we do, correct me if I am wrong Gary. Gary Davis, with Farnsworth Engineering, said he agreed saying he doesn't think it's required but it definitely is in the comments on the whole side-by-side ordinance. Alderperson Ray said he will pass out a few of the UTV Applications to let our community members start applying and finalize a fee. Alderperson McDowell said he does not feel that the traffic study is needed.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Valarie Venuti, Dispatcher, seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper and Griffin  
Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell said that Julie Ishmael would like to change her job title. Alderperson McDowell asked Chief Hindahl to explain. Chief Hindahl said she is only wanting to change her title from Code Enforcement Officer to Humane Officer. It's just a title change, none of her job descriptions are going to change. It's more or less just a title change to be more public friendly for her visiting residences. She is still enforcing the city ordinances and animal ordinances. It's more or less a safety issue for her. That is one of the reasons we are wanting to change her title from Code Enforcement Officer to Humane Officer.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

**DISCUSSION:** Chris Rilea asked the council where the preliminary application forms would be at, how many can one person take and asked if he could distribute them. He also asked about the vehicle information on the form asking do you own a UTV? Is it going to be held against us if we do not own one? Alderperson Ray said the forms would be available at City Hall. Larry Smith asked if someone does not own a UTV now but would get one if this ordinance passes should they fill out this application. Alderperson Ray said this is generic to us, I just want to know how many people actually own them and want to use them. We had a petition that had over 300 hundred signatures and half of them didn't even live here. We just need to see what everyone is wanting to do. Chris Rilea said he doesn't own one now and doesn't want to drop \$15,000 on a side-by-side just to keep it in a garage for us just to be told no. So if we get these and we have a bunch of us that say I do not have one as of yet, is that going to be held against us? Alderperson Ray said you could put in there that you plan on buying one. Alderperson Griffin asked, isn't the petition that they passed around in the beginning the same thing that you are requesting here. Alderperson Ray said no, this is asking if you are interested in doing this for sure and do you own one or plan on purchasing one. Alderperson Chaney said if they don't live in city limits they can still get a license.

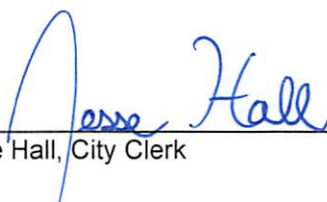
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson McDowell and seconded by Alderperson Urish.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
James "Gus" Stroh, Mayor

  
Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:** Jeremiah Hindahl  
Matthew Fliege  
Gavin Maliska  
Gary Davis

Larry Smith  
Chris Rilea