

Minutes
City of Newhall
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, October 9, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Mayor Boddicker opened the regular meeting at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Council Present: Campbell, Cross, Wendel, Rinderknecht, Seeck

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Rinderknecht, 2nd Wendel approving the agenda, and adding item g, all yes, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works: Trugreen was here today; concession stand was vandalized, discussion occurred with youth that performed the vandalism; still waiting on Kluesner for asphalt on 1st Street; Waiting on Beatty Excavating for William Way; currently on step 3 at lagoon, will return to normal operation in December.

Mayor: Survey information received for alley vacate, will proceed with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Clerk: Company maintaining Main Street will be returning one more time prior to winter, we will tell them that we will do mulch in the spring, and also request them to check the main park; Iowa Codification has completed the updates to our code book and will be sending it electronically for our review; ECICOG was here, taking pictures and sent letters to Newhall residents. Some have already contacted City Hall to let us know that the work was done. 3 customers called ECICOG and explained the situation and they noted their comments; City guys will trim tree across from City Hall; House on 2nd Avenue that was foreclosed on is in dangerous condition. Several cats were left behind, weeds, grass, odor coming from the home. We have contacted the banks, sheriff's office, Treasurer, foreclosure lawyer, Benton County Sheriff. Keri will contact the city attorney tomorrow.

Council: Bubble was noticed on new carpet in batting cage, board members will keep an eye on it.

Zoning: CLS is looking to install a sign. Boddicker is working with them and will bring the council a variance request to allow them to install a luminated sign since the school is zoned residential.

Fire: Thank you to all that attended the Fire and EMS Foundation Breakfast we served over 394 people. EMS Essential vote is November 7th. This will make EMS essential in county and EMS will receive tax dollars. Rescue 722 is out of service due to mechanical issues. Newhall will still respond with equipment loaded on fire truck.

Consent Agenda and Bill Consent: Motion by Campbell, 2nd by Rinderknecht to approve the minutes from September 25, 2023, and bills totaling \$76,717.14, all present aye, motion carried.

| VENDOR | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
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| Anderson Insurance | Streets - Insurance for new pickup (annual) | \$1,082.00 |
| Atkins Lumber | Parks - bit and bolt | \$40.99 |
| City of Blairstown | Fire - Ambulance for Cynthia Houser | \$1,443.80 |
| Gazette | City - Publications | \$86.88 |
| Gworks | Water/Sewer/Garbage - Software accounting system and support agreement | \$3,199.00 |
| Hydrants Unlimited | Water/Sewer - Professional fee, supplies | \$1,140.00 |
| John Deere Financial | Shop - 5 gallon bucket, funnel, hand cleaner | \$31.97 |
| Keystone Labs | Water/Sewer - Testing and supplies | \$522.00 |
| Linn Coop | Fire - Fuel | \$393.73 |
| Menards | Pavilion - filter | \$24.99 |

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| Menards | City - Items damaged with power surge (mwo, power strips, light | \$161.91 |
| Microbac | Water - Drinking water testing | \$275.00 |
| New Century FS | RUT - Fuel | \$75.28 |
| Northway Corp | ARPA-Well #2 Maintenance | \$65,354.35 |
| PJ's Vac | Pavilion - vacuum repair | \$31.40 |
| Rabe Hardware | City - Pavilion generator service agreement | \$160.00 |
| Rabe Hardware | Fire - Generator service agreement | \$210.00 |
| South Slope | City - Internet, phone and cable | \$635.32 |
| Touro, Keri | City - Carburetor for snow blower | \$17.55 |
| VISA | Water-Training, City Hall-Shipping Tape, Sewer-Batteries, Streets - Creeper, Library - Pans for dehumid, Parks, Pavilion, Shop, Library, Parks, City Hall - Paper Products | \$1,522.51 |
| VISA | City Hall - Adobe, Library - Movies and Antivirus | \$308.46 |
| | | \$76,717.14 |

Council Action:

- a. Motion by Seeck, 2nd by Rinderknecht approving the tires from Prairie Creek quote (\$2,390 for 6 tires) for the international dump truck, all yes, motion carried.
- b. Motion by Campbell, 2nd by Seeck approving the Outstanding Obligations Disclosure Report for FY23. Newhall debt consists of the SRF Loan for the lagoon – amount issued in 2015 of \$2,921,000.00 with amount outstanding as of June 30, 2023, of \$1,803,000.00, all yes, motion carried.
- c. Motion by Wendel, 2nd by Campbell to obtain 3 quotes from engineering firms for a cost estimate to access the current city water and sewer systems to ensure we can accommodate additional homes south of 6th Street. If we are not able accommodate the addition, what is the cost associated with upgrading our current systems for the development? A firmer number of how many homes/lots they are planning should also be obtained, all yes, motion carried.
- d. Motion by Cross, 2nd by Wendel to approve the 1st Reading of Resolution 0925203, Payment Policy, roll call vote all yes, motion carried. Policy adds stipulation regarding returned payments and guaranteed payments.
- e. Motion by Campbell, 2nd by Seeck to approve the 1st Reading of Resolution 10092023, FY23 City Street Finance Report, roll call vote all yes, motion carried. The city spent \$51,683 in city funds and \$145,073 in road use tax to repair our streets, salaries, maintaining our streets equipment, supplies, and utilities.
- f. Motion by Cross, 2nd by Campbell to approve the Newhall Fire Department to proceed with the Junior Firefighter Program, all yes, motion carried. Fire Chief Claeys received documents from our insurance company that have the guidelines and required information that will need to be completed prior to a jr. firefighter starting the program.
- g. Motion by Wendel, 2nd by Seeck to allow a resident who contacted City Hall regarding a big water bill to have their late fees waived until 12/15/2023, all yes, motion carried. Customer received a \$560 bill and will more than likely receive another large bill, since plumber did not find issue until recently.

Adjournment: At 6:55 PM, Seeck moved to adjourn, Wendel 2nd, all present aye motion carried.

Doug Boddicker – Mayor

Keri Touro – City Clerk