

Minutes
City of Newhall
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2023 – 6:00 PM

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

Roll Call: Council Present: Campbell, Cross, Wendel, Rinderknecht, Seeck (via telephone)

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Rinderknecht, 2nd Campbell approving the agenda, all yes, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works: Well 2 is up, 4 is still down ; Beatty Excavating will be here this week, they said; concession stand and west park will be winterized after September 30th; October 17th and 18th Trent will be attending a water conference; engineer needs to be consulted in regards to an addition south of town and confirm if water/sewer can accommodate the addition; An issue occurred when Kohler was here testing the generator but has been addressed and corrected. Rabe Hardware was informed. Trent asked to please contact him directly for issues with the city or fire department, rather than Touro or Boddicker. No need to have a middle person involved when the council all have his number.

Fire: Trent addressed siren that sounds for storm. Siren is set off either by the volunteer fire department or the county. Friday’s storm there was an issue with the siren that is being addressed; it was also mentioned that the siren’s purpose is for individuals outside to move inside and take cover; the volunteer fire department does what they can with who they have at the time of the storm; this Sunday, October 1st is the Fire and First Responders Foundation Pancake Breakfast.

Mayor: Deadline for residents who received the alley letters is October 1, 2023.

Council: Pest control in regards to racoons, possum, and etc. coming into town, is their a service or company that could come in and access the situation?; batting cage carpet is done; left over carpet should be picked up at Country Floors; bushes were trimmed at the Main Park and ball field; new trees look great at park and ball field.

Consent Agenda and Bill Consent: Motion by Wendel, 2nd by Campbell to approve the minutes from September 11, 2023, and bills totaling \$14,354.44, all present aye, motion carried.

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Airgas	First Responders - Oxygen	\$99.35
Alliant Energy	City - Electric and Gas	\$2,329.52
Baker and Taylor	Library - Books	\$18.96
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Benton Co Solid Waste	Garbage/Landfill - Gate4 Fee 8/24 - 9/14	\$1,231.88
Bierscheink, Niles	Water/Sewer - Meter Deposit Refund	\$125.00
Bound Tree	First Responders - Airway kit and supplies	\$116.87
Chamberlain, Mistie	Water/Sewer - Meter Deposit Refund	\$225.00
Demco	Library - Supplies	\$75.54
DNR	Water - Annual Water Use Fee	\$115.00
EZ Trash Solutions	City - Garbage and Recycling	\$5,755.32
Gahring Machine	Streets - hitch on white plow truck	\$206.61
Gazette	City - Publication	\$99.20

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Harvey, Victoria	Water/Sewer - Meter Deposit Refund	\$125.00
Hawkins	Water - Chlorine and Freight	\$826.06
Hupfeld Stump Removal	Streets - Tree removal 1st Street E	\$1,200.00
Iowa Firefighters Assoc	Fire - 20 Membership Dues	\$340.00
LL Pelling	Streets - Restripe properties	\$822.00
Menards	Streets - Shop supplies, straps, drill bits, clamps	\$67.92
Menards	Shop - test light, wire, stripper, split flex	\$59.52
New Century FS	City - Fuel	\$24.98
US Cellular	City - Cell service	\$169.29
		\$14,354.44

Council Action:

- a. Motion by Wendel, 2nd by Rinderknecht to approve moving forward with an amendment to the current contract with EZ Trash Solutions, roll call vote, all present yes, (Seeck phone connection was lost) motion carried. EZ Trash will be conducting town hall meetings Thursday, October 26th from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, and Saturday, October 28th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm to explain in detail the changes and confirm the size of trash can each home wants (large is 95 gallons, small is 65 gallon). Changes to contract include:
 - i. Increase \$3.00 a month per residential customer that the city to pays EZ Trash.
 - ii. New garbage and recycling cans will be delivered to each resident.
 - iii. The new contract will take effect 1/1/2024.
 - iv. The new contract will expire 12/31/2028.
 - v. Recycling will be picked up every other week.

Adjournment: At 6:48 PM, Rinderknecht moved to adjourn, Wendel 2nd, all present aye motion carried.

Doug Boddicker – Mayor

Keri Touro – City Clerk