

CITY OF IONE COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2024 6:00pm
American Legion Hall
MINUTES

Present: Michael Skow, Mayor
Sabrina Bailey Cave, Councilor
Jason Carson, Councilor (Excused at 7:15 pm)
Mark Patton, Councilor
Brian Spivey, Councilor
Shad Hass, Public Works
Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator
Jerry Rietmann, Volunteer City Planner
Dane Maben, Anderson Perry & Associates

Absent: Beverly Benson, Council Chair (Excused)
Christopher Cave, Councilor

Guests Present: Andrea Fletcher, CHIP Coordinator
Linda LaRue, Citizen

Meeting Call to Order: Mayor Skow called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Peterson completed roll call.

Approval of Minutes: The January 2024 minutes were reviewed. Councilor Spivey motioned to accept minutes as written. Councilor Patton seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes

Sheriff's Report: Sargeant Carter was absent. Report for January and February 2024 will be given at the March 2024 meeting.

Public Comments: Mayor Skow recused himself from the following discussion, stating that he is an employee and driver for our ambulance provider, Morrow County Health District (MHD).

Mrs. LaRue brought to the Council the issue regarding the possible loss of our ambulance service due to the impasse between the Morrow County Board of Commissioner (MCBOC) and MCHD over who the MCBOC will select to provide ambulance service in the ambulance service areas. She stated that there 35 callouts in Ione over a period of a year and if a new provider were selected our local EMT would not be dispatched, and response time would be longer for the ambulance to arrive at the scene. Though the Council did not express an opinion, they were appreciative of Mrs. LaRue bringing the comments to the meeting.

Financial Reports and Bills: The January 2024 financials are attached to agenda. The Council reviewed the financial reports and monthly bills. January deposits totaled: \$615,120.27 and January bills totaled: \$53,843.00. Councilor Carson motioned to accept the financials as presented. Councilor Brian Spivey seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes

Permits: None

New Business:

Health Forum. Andrea Fletcher from the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) of Morrow County informed the Council that CHIP is hosting their first annual **in-person** forum for community leaders. The forum creates a positive environment for city and county government, community-based organizations, and local businesses to interact, stay abreast of the health of people living in Morrow County, learn about community assets and needs, and participate in county-wide planning. The meeting will take place on March 13, 2024 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Port of Morrow, Riverfront Room, Boardman.

City of Ione's Rural Business Incubator Project. Mr. Rietmann on behalf of ICABO requested that the Council submit a letter of support addressed to Senators Wyden and Merkley for a Rural Business Incubator project. Port of Morrow would request funding for this project which entails: 1. 4,000-5,000 square foot building to house startup minority and small businesses. If funded the timeframe for completion would be 2026 or 2027.

Fire Hydrant on A/5th Streets. The Council received a complaint from a private citizen about the discussion on the fire hydrant located at A and 5th Streets. Currently, this hydrant is not working properly and will need to be replaced. Mr. Hass stated that the fire hydrant located next to RV park and the bordering house needs repaired or replaced. The council agreed that this was a matter of public safety and both hydrants need to be repaired or replaced. The council also discussed purchase additional pipes. Councilor Patton motioned to approve the purchase and/or repair of the two hydrants. Councilor Spivey seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes

Old Business:

Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement Between the City of Ione and Anderson Perry & Associates. This was tabled until the March 2024 Council meeting. Councilor will review and make a recommendation at that meeting.

Sewer System Update:

1. See attached handout from Mr. Maben, Anderson Perry & Associates.
2. All permits are complete.
3. Ms. Peterson will need to send the agreement for perpetual easement between the city and the landowner to the Mr. Blanc, the city lawyer.
4. The funding agreement from the DEQ has not been received. Mr. Rietmann will follow up on status.
5. The project could run up to a \$1,000,000.00 over budget.
6. USDA funding will be received once the system is operational.

Power Line to Crum Property (CBEC). At a previous meeting, the council discussed the placement of the power line up Johnson Grade. The lines will be above ground. The current bid is outdated, and a new bid will need to be submitted. Councilor Spivey motioned to approve payment up to \$10,000.00 over the original bid of \$71,081.57. Councilor Patton seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes

Update from Anderson Perry & Associates on engineering plans for OEM. (Flood Diversion). No action taken.

Code Enforcement (Nuisance Ordinance). Mr. Blanc will be reviewing and recommending changes to the ordinance.

Update of Street Repair off 3rd and D Streets. Mr. Hass informed the council that he completed patching the holes on D and 3rd Street the morning after the last council meeting. He stated that someone had already taken gravel and began filling in holes.

Mayor's Report

No report given.

Public Works Report

No report given.

Recorder Report

No report given.

Adjournment: Being as there is no other further business before the council, Mayor Skow adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Skow, Mayor

Attested by:

Elizabeth Peterson, City Administrator