

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 REGULAR SESSION

THE BALTIC CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 at City Hall. Mayor Grunewaldt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Aldermen Tracy Petersen, Brendan Tidemann, Chris Hotzler and Kiri Sells. Also present were Maintenance Supervisor Johnson, Maintenance Assistant Hotzler, Finance Officer Hoefert, Building Official Pearson and City Attorney Hughes.

Mayor Grunewaldt asked all present to rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Hotzler made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Petersen. All ayes, motion passed.

Sells made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2020 Regular Session. Hotzler seconded. All ayes, motion passed.

Disbursements were reviewed. Petersen made a motion to approve the following disbursements. Second by Sells. All ayes, motion passed.

September 2020 Claims		
Vendor	Amount	Comments
Alliance Communications	\$ 172.99	Utilities
Alternative HRD, LLC	\$ 1,125.00	Consulting
Argus Leader Media	\$ 171.10	Legals
Banner Associates, Inc.	\$ 626.65	Trail Grant
Brandon Seamless Rain Gutter	\$ 734.40	Concession Stand
Bryan Rock Products, Inc.	\$ 2,622.31	Agrilime
CHS Eastern Farmers	\$ 97.27	Herbicide
City of Baltic	\$ 86.14	Utilities
Classic Corner	\$ 109.00	Gas
Dell Rapids Lumber Company	\$ 92.81	Supplies
Direct Technologies	\$ 86.27	Backup
Dust-Tex Service, Inc.	\$ 14.85	Rug Service
EFTPS	\$ 2,737.51	Payroll Taxes
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Garbage N More	\$ 14,250.00	Garbage Service
Hughes Law Offices	\$ 1,521.41	Legal Service
Interstate Office Products	\$ 50.96	Supplies
Kinetic Leasing	\$ 2,773.00	Oak/Douglas
MidAmerican Energy	\$ 25.44	Utilities
Minnehaha Community Water Corp	\$ 6,530.55	Water Purchase
SD Dept. of Revenue	\$ 786.48	Sales Tax
SDRS	\$ 2,023.48	Retirement
Sverdrup Township	\$ 120.00	Road Grading
The Road Guys	\$ 26,849.26	Chip Sealing
Tony Drueke Trucking	\$ 3,125.00	Trucking for Agrilime
US Bank	\$ 279.47	Misc.
US Bank Equipment Finance	\$ 721.59	Truck

US Post Master	\$ 147.35	Mailing
Verizon Wireless	\$ 88.87	Utilities
Xcel Energy	\$ 2,723.22	Utilities
	\$ 75,042.90	

August 2020 Salaries in gross amounts by Department: Finance, \$3,932.85; Inspection, \$1,991.00; Streets, \$3,127.81; Parks, \$3,1257.76; Econ Dev \$1,938.29; Water, \$4,071.20; Sewer, \$4,071.12; Total \$22,260.03.

Public Time. District 25 Senate Candidate Rick Knobe was in attendance.

Police Report. No report

Maintenance Update. Hotzler reported that Chip Sealing had been done, school crosswalks had been painted and drain tile had been laid in Baltic Heights. Work on the ballfields will be continuing.

Building Inspector Update: Inspector Pearson continues to work on nuisance properties.

City Administrator/Economic Development Director Update. Mayor Grunewaldt updated the Council on projects.

City Hall Update. Financials were presented. Tidemann made a motion to approve a contract with iWorQ software, the cost of which will be applied for CARES Act reimbursement. Second by Petersen. All ayes, motion passed. Petersen made a motion to purchase laptops and a firewall from Direct Technologies to aid in social distancing, the cost of which will be applied for CARES Act reimbursement. Second by Sells. All ayes, motion passed. The Baltic Athletic Association will have volunteers performing cleanup at River Park Ballfield.

Attorney Remarks. City Attorney Hughes spoke a bit on the annexing process.

Business.

- a. Christopher Drayer, representing the American Legion Veteran’s Memorial Committee asked the Council to recommend placement of the Memorial. The consensus was to place it near Murphy’s Pond and the Avenue of Flags.
- b. Sells made a motion to Appoint Rebecca Wulf as the City Administrator/Economic Development Director at an annual salary of \$60,000. Second by Hotzler. All ayes, motion passed. Mayor Grunewaldt administered the Oath of Office. Wulf’s start date is September 23, 2020.
- c. Petersen made a motion to enter into a purchase agreement for 250 front footage of land along Lovely Avenue at 6th Street at a price of \$2.25 per square foot, pending legal review. Second by Sells. All ayes, motion passed.
- d. Mayor Grunewaldt gave the second reading of Ordinance 278 – 2021 Appropriations. Petersen made a motion to accept and adopt Ordinance 278. Second by Sells. All ayes, motion passed.
- e. Mayor Grunewaldt gave the second reading of Ordinance 279 – Amending Title IX, Chapter 93.02. Hotzler made a motion to accept and adopt Ordinance 279. Second by Tidemann. All ayes, motion passed.
- f. Discussion to amend Chapter 90 – Animals: No changes will be made at this time.

At 8:46 p.m. Petersen made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss City business. Second by Sells. All ayes, motion passed.

At 9:50 p.m. Mayor Grunewaldt declared the Council out of Executive Session.

With no further business before the Council, at 9:51 p.m. Petersen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Sells. All ayes, motion passed.

Julia M. Hoefert
Municipal Finance Officer
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Scott Grunewaldt
Mayor, City of Baltic