CITY OF LA HARPE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT OTHERS PRESENT

Austin Lee Mayor, Ella Mae Crowell

Ron Knavel City Clerk, Michelle Altis

Cynthia Carr City Code/animal Control, Penny Miller

Sharlyn Thompson Police Chief, Joe Stotler

Fire Chief, Marc Waggoner

Water Rep, Roy Caler

City Attorney, Fred Works

**Call to order**

Mayor Crowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance with 4 members present. Danny Ware Jr was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

Austin Lee requested streets be added under new business. Mayor Crowell requested La Harpe Days be added under new business. Austin Lee made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

Cynthia Carr mentioned the special meeting on January 23, 2023 was not listed on the agenda. Michelle stated she would fix that. Ron Knavel made the motion to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on January 11, 2023 and the special meetings held January 5, 2023, January 9, 2023, January 17, 2023 and January 23, 2023. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**CITIZENS CALL FOR BUSINESS**

1. Cathy Gay requested a variance to the ordinance pertaining to 3 dogs. Mayor Crowell asked Penny if she had any issues with these dogs, Penny stated no issues and they all have updated shots just need to get city tags. Austin Lee suggested she contact the state about a kennel license. Sharlyn Thompson mentioned, the city is having a lot of issues with dogs in fact there were several cases in court tonight. Mayor Crowell suggested she check with the state and come back and request the variance.
2. Clifford Karr complained about the ruts left in his yard by HK Solutions when working on the sewer lines. Fred stated we will get with HK Solutions and request they fix any damage and if not, the city will fix and bill them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor Crowell stated it was time to select voting delegates for KRWA. Michelle stated last year it was Austin Lee and Sharlyn Thompson. Ron Kavel made the motion to elect Austin Lee and Sharlyn Thompson. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
2. TLC Contract for sewer rates – Fred shared an agreement with TLC on how the city will calculate their sewer charge. The agreement states; from December thru March the average will be calculated and that figure will be the sewer charge from May 1st to April 1st and will change every May 1st billing. Sharlyn Thompson made the motion to approve the agreement. Ron Knavel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
3. CDL Classes – Tabled until March
4. KRWA Water Conference – Mayor Crowell suggested we send Gentry to this so that he is prepared to take his water test, the dates are March 28th thru the 30th. Cynthia Carr asked if all 3 days were water classes and suggest he attend only the water classes. Austin Lee made the motion to send Gentry to the conference. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Streets – Austin Lee asked about the streets getting done. Mayor Crowell stated the county was in town blading those roads not to long ago. Ron Knavel stated they did not cover all the roads, Mayor Crowell will reach out to the county and get them over here.
6. La Harpe Days – Mayor Crowell shared a request for a donation from the city for La Harpe Days 2023. Ron Knavel made the motion to donate $500.00. Cynthia Carr seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Water Tower – Council decided to come back to this in the fall and have Viking rebid the job.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

1. Fred Works, City Attorney – Nothing to report
2. Roy Caler, Water Representative – Roy stated he will no more on the water rates at the meeting tomorrow night, February 9th.
3. Joe Stotler, Police Chief – Shared his monthly time cards and report. He stated we had 2 house with no running water, one has been fixed and the other is in progress. Fred reminded the council, if you’re hauling in water, it is theft of services to sewer and they could also be evicted if they don’t have working utilities. Mayor Crowell stated, I would rather help them, if we can, rather than evict them.
4. Penny Miller, Code/Animal Control – Shared her monthly reports. Penny stated she was able to get 2 title searches done and would like to get with Fred on the kennel licenses.
5. Marc Waggoner, Fire Chief- Shared the meeting minutes: The La Harpe Volunteer Fire Department met for the monthly meeting. Present was; Dennis Sidebottom, Josh Sparks, Ronald Splector, Matthew Waggoner, Marc Waggoner Sr., Meghan Sparks, Bill Gay and Pamela Waggoner. Had meeting, prepared scott packs for training on February 12th. Did routine maintenance on fire units and got a list of fire fighters for confined space training on March 25th. Also watched a video on windmill fires and adjourned the meeting. Also working on ideas for new smoke trailer. Marc requested permission to buy a piercing nozzle for $1,000.00 and a vent fan for $2,100.00. Mayor Crowell suggested they prioritize and start with the hoses; she requested that Marc get done with the hose check before next meeting.
6. Maintenance Department –The workorders were shared. Sharlyn Thompson asked Michelle to add a column for Penny’s code work. Michelle stated the only thing on work orders is maintenance work.
7. Michelle Altis, City Clerk – Nothing to report

**DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS –**

Cynthia Carr asked if the cameras were in and put up. Michelle stated we have the cameras and received all the wire today but they have not been installed. She asked Penny about the billboard on the highway, Penny stated they are working with the state now. Cynthia did mention, the light on the Super 8 sign was out, Mayor Crowell suggested we look into it. Also asked about the property at 508 S. Harrison, where are we at on that. Penny stated she needed to get with Fred. Fred suggested we serve both parties a list of what needs to be done and if it’s not done they can come present their case to the council and then make a decision from there. Cynthia requested, when the city employees drive on my property, I just want them to make sure the don’t drive through. My property has some soft spots and seem to rut up pretty easily.

**TREASURER’S REPORT –** File for audit.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Sharlyn Thompson made a motion to approve bills as presented. Austin Lee seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Austin Lee made the motion to adjourn. Sharlyn Thompson seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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City ClerkMayor