

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 9, 2021

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the Municipal Hall at 5:00 P.M. a special meeting of the Council, City of Fredericksburg Chickasaw County was held. The meeting was held in person and also on-line.

Mayor Jimmy Mitchell, in the chair called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with Council Members Dean Speicher, Doreen Cook, Randy Leach, Kyle Wendland, and Sheriton Dettmer present.

Employee's present were Cindy Lantow.

Guests present Amanda Moenk from F'Burg Review, Jenny Monteith from Mercy Medical in New Hampton and present on-line – Katie Rich and Meridith Arndorf.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

A motion was made by Leach second by Speicher to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Comments by Mayor – None at this time.

Citizen Forum – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business –

- a. Allowing Animals at 512 E. Main Street for Possible New Owners – Meridith Arndorf explained to the Council the number of animals that they would like to keep on the property if it was purchased by the Arndorf's v. Meridith requested the following animals – they would keep chickens per the ordinance; 7-8 goats; 2 pigs, and 2 miniature ponies. Meridith explained to the Council that they would compost the manure in a correct manner and the compost would be on the east side of the buildings furthest from any neighbors, and they would keep fences properly fixed so the animals did not get out. It was explained that each new owner of the property would need to get the Council's permission on the kind and number of animals that would be allowed. After discussion, a motion was made by Cook to deny the request as the ordinance was made as we didn't want animals in the city limits; second by Speicher. Ayes: Cook, Speicher. Nays: Dettmer, Leach, Wendland. Motion did not pass. Wendland stated that he felt the number of animals they were requesting is manageable and Wendland made a motion to allow as a maximum – no more than 8 goats, 2 pigs, and 2 miniature ponies; second by Dettmer. Ayes: Wendland, Dettmer. Nays: Cook, Speicher, Leach. Motion did not pass. A motion was made by Leach second by Dettmer to set the maximum number per animal as 8 goats; 2 miniature ponies; 12 chickens and NO pigs. Ayes: Wendland, Dettmer, Leach. Nays; Cook, Speicher. Motion carried.
- b. Office Position – Possible Hiring of Office Assistant & Setting Wage – The Wage and Benefit committee presented the name of Diana Bisping to hire as a part-time office assistant working 8-10 hours per week (could be a few more if Cindy needed to be out of the office). A motion was made in the form of a resolution to hire Diana Bisping by Leach second by Speicher. Ayes: Cook, Dettmer, Wendland, Leach, Speicher. Nays; None. The Mayor declared Resolution No. 1319-03-2021 passed and approved as of this date. A motion was made in the form of a resolution to set the wage for the

- part-time office position for Diana Bisping at \$13.50 per hour with no benefits except for IPERS as that is required by the State by Dettmer second by Leach. Ayes: Cook, Dettmer, Wendland, Leach, Speicher. Nays: None. The Mayor declared Resolution No. 1320-03-2021 passed and approved as of this date.
- c. Cardboard Ordinance - #241-01-2021 – Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Curbside Recycling in the City of Fredericksburg – Section 106.11 A – Fees for Cardboard Pickup at Businesses – The fee for commercial cardboard pickup service, used or available is \$21.00 per month for those businesses that have a “cardboard dumpster” provided by Jendro Sanitation. The cardboard pickup fee shall be charged on the monthly utility bill in addition to the regular garbage charge from the City. The cardboard pickup will be weekly. The City will cost share this cost at 50/50 for 3 years. A motion was made in a form of a resolution to hold the first reading of this ordinance by Leach second by Dettmer. Ayes: Dettmer, Wendland, Leach, Speicher. Nays: Cook. Motion carried. The Mayor declared Ordinance No. 241-01-2021 as having its first reading.
 - d. Ash Trees – Wendland stated that he had met with Bryan O’Day, Tree Arborist, Richard Kittleson, and Bob Schulz, they looked at 11 ash trees and the arborist stated that there were different levels of damage due to the emerald ash bore. Wendland had 2 bids – one was to treat 10 trees and one was to treat 6 of the better trees and noted 1 tree was too far gone. There are a lot of other trees in town that have the same issues. If we were to treat these 6 trees it will be every other year treatment for the next 10 years. Cook suggested cutting the trees down and replacing them on private property if the homeowner agreed this would keep trees out of the boulevards. Wendland suggest cutting down the trees and replacing with another kind of tree about 1” in diameter. After discussion, a motion was made by Dettmer second by Wendland to try to treat the 6 trees that have a better chance of surviving but if they are too far gone, remove and replace if they can be re-planted on private property. All members present voting aye, motion carried.
 - e. Jackson Avenue – Embargo – Discussion was held on whether or not put an embargo on a portion of N. Washington Avenue and N. Jackson Avenue due the detour that will be in place when the County is replacing the bridge on the blacktop on the east edge of Fredericksburg. The reason for the embargo would be to keep semi’s heavy trucks off of these roads as the weight would break up the street. After discussion, a motion was made by Dettmer second by Leach to put in place an 8-ton embargo from Plum Street north on both Washington Avenue and Jackson Avenue during the bridge construction time. All members present voting aye, motion carried. Speicher will get with Bob to get signs ordered and with the County to see if they will put signs up that state the embargo is ahead.
 - f. Ambulance Contract – Dettmer had attended the last Ambulance Council meeting and he went over the changes in the new proposed contract and explained what was being proposed. The new contract cost is \$217,500 with a 5% increase in the second year. The City of Fredericksburg would pay \$16,543.87 for the first year. Much discussion was held by the Council with concerns being raised. After the discussion, a motion was made by Leach second by Dettmer to accept the contract as presented at this meeting on March 9, 2021. Ayes: Dettmer, Wendland, Leach. Nays: Cook, Speicher. Motion carried to accept the contract as presented. The next ambulance council meeting is on Tuesday, March 16 and the Mayor will let them know what Fredericksburg has done and see what happens next.

There being no further business requiring Council action the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Leach second by Dettmer at 6:09 p.m. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council is Monday, April 5, 2021 at 7 p.m. with a special Council meeting being held on Monday, March 22 for the budget hearing.

Jimmy Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Lantow, City Administrator