

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 1, 2021

On Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Municipal Hall at 7:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Council, City of Fredericksburg Chickasaw County was held.

Mayor Jimmy Mitchell in the chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council Members Doreen Cook, Randy Leach, Dean Speicher, Kyle Wendland and Sheriton Dettmer present.

Employees present were Cindy Lantow, Trevor & Erica Harris

Guests Present: Aaron Flugum; Jeff Bernatz, Sheriff Marty Hemann, Deputy Dakota Gaede, Milo Drape, Bryan O'Day and Amanda Moenk from the F'Burg Review.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

A motion was made by Speicher second by Cook to approve the consent agenda with the following additions – Permission to pay for beer ordered for pool tournament and Whitetails event; Approval of dates for liquor license to move – changed to March 5-7; JD 3520 tractor repairs; Minutes of February 1, 15 and 24, 2021 Council Meetings; Financial Reports for January 2021; Summary List of Bills; Overtime/Comp Hours for February 2021. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Under the Mayor's Comments – Jimmy welcomed our guests and stated that there was quite a bit on the agenda but should go smoothly.

Citizen Forum – no one from the audience spoke at this time.

Law Report – Sheriff Marty Hemann presented the February 2021 Law Report with 97.5 hours worked during the month of February 2021 with 738.0 total hours being worked in Fredericksburg from July 2020 to February 2021. The average number of hours worked per month is 92.25. Sheriff Hemann also introduced to the Council one of the newest deputies, Dakota Gaede. Dakota stated with the Department in September. The Sheriff went over the report with the Council; talked about the new procedure when dogs are at large – with going forward, the owner of the dog will be issued a ticket for their dog at large and the fine can be paid at the City Hall; mentioned that all snow tickets had been paid and that he had helped out with that. No action was taken at this time.

Old Business –

The Mayor updated the Council on the progress of the land for the substation. Both attorneys are working thru the procedures with hopes to get a purchase agreement in the near future. No action taken at this time.

Library Report – The library report was in the packet. No action taken.

Pool Tournament Dates / payment approval for Beer for Pool Tournament and Whitetails – A motion was made by Cook second by Leach to approve the dates for the Pool Tournament (March 5-7) and to allow Cindy to pay for the beer / liquor upon delivery for the upcoming events. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

New Business –

Bryan O'Day – Ash Trees / Treatment – Bryan presented information to the Council on treatment for the ash trees for emerald ash bore. He is asking that the Council consider treating the ash trees on Main Street if needed as they are memorial trees. A tree arborist will come and look at the trees and then more discussion and possible action will be taken by the Council. No action taken at this time.

Park & Rec – Erica & Trevor – Discussed with the Council about payment for coaches and Erica & Trevor suggested that we wait a year and see how fundraising goes and more discussion can be held on this next year and the time will allow them to gather more information. A motion was made in the form of a resolution to pay Umpires \$25.00 per game by Speicher second by Leach. Ayes: Cook, Wendland, Dettmer, Leach, Speicher. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 1317-03-2021 passed and approved as of this date.

A motion was made in the form of a resolution by Wendland second by Dettmer to hire the following in the following positions at the Pool for Swim Season 2021: Bridget Schaufenbuel as Assistant Manager; Lifeguards – Zoe Jacobs; Lily Sassmann; Riley Kruse and Abby Zabel. Ayes: Cook, Leach, Speicher, Dettmer, Wendland. Nays: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 1318-03-2021 passed and approved as of this date. (Note: Wages will be set at a later date.)

Discussion was held on the pool hours for the weekends with no action taken at this time.

EMC Insurance – General Liability Renewal – 21/22 – The wage & benefit committee stated that there had been no policy changes and they would recommend approving the payment of \$38,842.00. A motion by Cook second by Wendland to approve the renewal of the General Liability Insurance for 2021/2022 and the payment to Vrzak Insurance. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Fire Pak – Renewal – 21/22 – The wage & benefit committee stated that they would suggest approving the renewal and the payment to Continental Western insurance Company for the Fire Pak Insurance for 2021-2022. A motion was made by Cook second by Leach to approve the renewal and payment of \$7,365.00. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Windstream Permit Application – Discussion was held on their request to do some underground work. Speicher had some questions so Mayor Mitchell asked that Speicher contact Windstream and bring his findings back to the Council for possible approval. No action taken at this time.

Detour for Bridge Replacement – A motion was made by Speicher second by Dettmer to have Mayor Mitchell sign the document on the detour. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Updating Signature Card at Northeast Security Bank – A motion was made by Dettmer second by Speicher to have Kim Hoffman removed from the signature cards and to have Cindy Lantow, City Administrator, Jimmy Mitchell, Mayor and Randy Leach, Mayor ProTem on the signature card and for the safe deposit box to have Cindy Lantow, City Administrator and Jimmy Mitchell, Mayor on the card. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Upper Wapsi Watershed – Budget Request - \$600.00 – Randy Leach explained that this a group that the City belongs too and they are requesting a contribution from each member City of \$600.00 per year. After some discussion, a motion was made by Leach second by Dettmer to approve this budget request of \$600.00. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Tree Removal Bids – The Council reviewed the bids for a tree to be removed on East Main Street with bids being from Gilmour Tree Service - \$900.00 / Sternat Brothers - \$1200.00. A motion was made by Dettmer second by Leach to approve the bid from Gilmour Tree Service for \$900.00. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Setting Cardboard Pickup Price for Businesses with a Cardboard Dumpster – Jendro provides the cardboard dumpster for businesses that request one and it is picked up weekly. The fee will be going to \$21.00 per month. After discussion, a motion was made by Leach second by Wendland that we pay 50% of the \$21.00 for the next 3 years with the reason being to promote the businesses to recycle the cardboard. Ayes: Speicher, Dettmer, Leach, Wendland. Nays: Cook. Motion carried. (The ordinance will be presented for readings / approval at future meetings).

Adding “Front Desk / Receipt Management” Modules thru G-Works – Discussion was held on adding these programs to our current software. There are options that will be available to the citizens for paying their bills on-line; the ability to fill out City forms on-line; a communication feature and more. The cost of this is around \$4500. After much discussion, a motion was made by Leach second by Dettmer to approve adding these programs. Ayes: Dettmer, Wendland, Leach. Nays: Cook, Speicher. Motion carried.

Office Position Applicants – Randy Leach did question the job description and some discussion was held with no changes made. No action was taken on this at this time as the Wage & Benefit Committee will conduct interviews and bring their suggestion back to the Council for possible hiring.

Budget Discussion – nothing to discuss at this time.

Set Date for Public Hearing on the 21/22 Fiscal Year Budget – A motion was made by Dettmer second by Leach to set the date for the Public Hearing on the FY 2021 / 2021 budget for Monday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Ambulance Updates / Discussion – Mayor Mitchell stated that the Ambulance Council had met and had discussions with our current provider and feels it is in the best interest of the citizens to stay united but we also need to look at where the money is going. The Council had the agreement to review and many questions and concerns were discussed. Aaron Flugum and Jeff Bernatz weighed in on some of the discussion. After much discussion and questions, a motion was made by Cook second by Speicher to NOT accept the agreement as it is felt that the agreement is not a good one for us as well as the price is out of range. Ayes: Cook, Wendland, Speicher. Nays: Dettmer, Leach. Motion carried that we do NOT accept the agreement.

Opt out of the Current 28E – Discussion was held on whether or not to opt out of the Current 28E agreement by giving our notice with 180 days' notice. Again, after much discussion a motion was made by Leach second by Dettmer to stay in the current 28E agreement for now and to see where we go. Ayes: Dettmer, Wendland, Speicher, Leach. Nays: Cook. Motion carried.

Park & Rec Board ordinance – A draft was given to the Council for their review and more discussion will be held at a future meeting. No action taken at this time.

JD 3520 Tractor Repairs – Discussion was held on whether or not to get the JD 3520 tractor repaired as it could be around \$5,000 to fix. It was decided that we should get it repaired with a motion by Leach second by Dettmer. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Action Board – Jimmy went over the Action Board with no official action being taken.

There being no further business that required Council Action, a motion was made by Leach second by Dettmer to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Jimmy Mitchell, Mayor

Cindy Lantow, City Administrator

2020 Gross Wages

NAME	WAGE
ARMBRECHT, RAY	48,392.05
COOK, DOREEN	630.00
DETTMER, SHERITON	510.00
FAY, DAVID	7,017.37
GRUENBERG, CURT	50,065.97
HARRIS, ERICA	3,242.22
HARRIS, TREVOR	1,559.47
HOFFMAN, KIM	30,212.69
KUSH, JACKIE	6,047.50
LANTOW, CINDY	49,956.80
LEACH, MARY JANE	3,309.00
LEACH, RANDY	570.00
MITCHELL, JIMMY	2,000.00
RICH, KATHERINE	18,971.25
SASSMAN, ERICA	61.80
SCHULTZ, JOAN	747.82
SCHULZ, BOB	48,970.78
SPEICHER, DEAN	570.00
WENDLAND, KAYLA	12,586.71
WENDLAND, KYLE	<u>630.00</u>
	286,051.43

LIST OF BILLS –

CLAIMS REPORT VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
20/20 FX	LABOR / SUPPLIES	50.00
ACLARA TECHNOLOGIES LLC	SRVS AGREEMENT	132.00
ALL STOP	GAS	161.00
AMAZON.COM	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	412.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	658.93
BROWN SUPPLY	SERVICE MATERIALS	1,810.00
BUTLER COUNTY REC	ELECTRIC SERVICE	135,893.03
CENGAGE LEARNING	LIBRARY SUPPLIES / BOOKS	233.52
CHICKASAW CO AUDITOR	SHARE OF SEED MONEY - AMB.	1,902.07
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF	LAW CONTRACT	937.71
CINDY LANTOW	CELL PHONE REIMBURSE	40.00
CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG	ELECTRIC SERVICE	10,891.80
CLERK OF COURT	FILING FEES	190.00
DEARBORN NATIONAL LIFE	LIFE INSURANCE	50.25
ECHOVISION	CELL PHONE	324.83
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	1,856.93
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	2,004.37
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,861.30
FARMERS WIN COOP	GAS/DIESEL/SUPPLIES	2,788.11
FEHR GRAHAM ENG & ENVIRONMENTL	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,051.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	ED / TRAINING SUPPLIES	188.76

FLETCHER REINHARDT CO	SUPPLIES	295.06
FLOYD MITCHELL LANDFILL	LANDFILL CHARGES	2,361.19
HACH	LAB SUPPLIES	468.00
HAWKINS INC	CHEMICALS	1,131.96
HSA - CINDY LANTOW	HSA PRE-TAX	50.00
HSA - RAY ARMBRECHT	HSA PRE-TAX	50.00
HSA- ROBERT SCHULZ	HSA PRE-TAX	100.00
IAMU	SEWER LOAN-PRIN / INT	1,902.79
INSURANCE ASSOCIATES	DRAM SHOP INSURANCE	1,160.00
IPERS	IPERS - REGULAR	3,161.61
IPERS	IPERS - REGULAR	3,161.61
JACKIE KUSH	REIMBURSE	338.51
JENDRO SANITATION SERVICES	RECYCLING CHARGES	3,101.20
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	CLOTHING	82.49
KABRICK DISTRIBUTING	BEER	410.50
L & R MANUFACTURING	LABOR/MATERIALS	221.78
MEDIA COM	PHONE SERVICE	249.53
MEDIA COM	PHONE SERVICE	79.10
MY-LOR, INC	TAGS	16.84
NOLTE EXCAVATING	SNOW REMOVAL	16,100.00
NORTH CENTRAL LABS	LAB SUPPLIES	524.84
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PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	41.60
RAPID PRINTERS/OFFICE WLD	OFFICE SUPPLIES	48.00

RICK'S SERVICE CENTER	LABOR	27.04
RICK'S SERVICE CENTER	LABOR	1,313.29
RICOH-WELLS FARGO	COPIER MAINTENANCE	24.41
RICOH-WELLS FARGO	COPIER MAINTENANCE	83.00
SANDRY FIRE	FIRE SUPPLIES	500.00
SCREENPRINTS	SHIRTS - BB	298.18
STANTON ELECTRIC	LABOR / MATERIALS	1,889.45
TEAM LAB	CHEMICALS	1,225.00
TESTAMERICA LABORATORIES INC	TESTING	2,983.26
THE IOWAN	SUBSCRIPTION	24.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	714.00
TREMAINE & BECKER LAW	LEGAL FEES	240.50
UNGGOY BROADBAND	PHONE SERVICE	19.95
UNITED BEVERAGE	BEER	264.40
UNITED HEALTH CARE	HEALTH PRE-TAX	3,336.65
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE SERVICE	621.61
VANGUARD PUBLISHING	PUBLICATIONS	709.58
VISA	SUPPLIES	604.36
WAPSIE LEAGUE	MEMBERSHIP	90.00
WESTY'S HARDWARE HANK	SUPPLIES	<u>195.71</u>
Accounts Payable Total		208,635.85
Payroll Checks		<u>15,704.34</u>
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		224,340.19

GENERAL	49,993.25
WATER	6,209.92
SEWER	17,629.54
SEWER SINKING	1,902.79
ELECTRIC	138,327.28
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	10,277.41
TOTAL FUNDS	224,340.19