

Interim Mayor Dave Reed called the council meeting to order on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Lafayette Community Center. Present were: Interim Mayor Dave Reed, Councilors: Scott Portner, Sandie Peterson; City Attorney Aaron Walton, 2021 Fire Chief Nick Klingler, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, and Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger were also in attendance.

Guests present were:

Residents: Curt Tauber – council elect – 660 10th Street, Tom Polich – 940 Pioneer Avenue, Marty Wacker – 540 Main Avenue, Dave Burger – 580 Main Avenue and Lee Zion – Ledger

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Oath: Clerk Burger gave the Oath of Office to Mayor- elect Sandie Peterson and Council-elect Scott Portner and Curt Tauber. Acting Mayor Reed turned the meeting over to Mayor Sandie Peterson.

Resolution 2021-01: Declaring a vacancy and appoint to fill vacancy. Due to Peterson vacating her council seat to become mayor there was a need to appoint someone to fill the remainder of her term. ***There was a motion by Portner and seconded by Reed, to pass Resolution 2021-01 Declaring a Vacancy and to Appoint Tom Polich to serve the remainder of the term ending in 2022. Roll call: Reed, aye, Portner, aye, Peterson, aye, and Tauber, aye. Motion carried.*** Tom Polich received the Oath of Office and joined council.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve the Agenda; all ayes, motion carried.

Portner asked to move two items from the consent agenda to new business. There was a ***motion by Polich and seconded by Reed to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; all ayes, motion carried.*** Included in the consent agenda were: 12/14, 12/28 minutes, and bills totaling \$223,252.89.

Reports:

Fox: Updated council on the generator: it will be self-contained with locks; the free-standing unit will be placed in front of the facility on a concrete pad. The cost of the unit is \$15,990 plus the cost of the concrete pad. The old generator will be looked at for updates to use in the water facility. In house safety trainings will start this week with the annual AWIR training, as the in-person safety meetings have been pushed back into the summer. There was an inquiry about the skating rink, council discussed it and due to the weather and staff, there was a ***motion by Polich and seconded by Portner to not set up the rink for this year, motion carried.*** Fox also shared that Well #1 meter is not reading correctly and this year the water tower painting and maintenance will take place.

Peterson: Addressed items that residents have contacted her about: The County recycling bins, Al Christensen from Tri-County Recycling met with her and he changed the service from every other week to every week, the trees in the park need trimming and cannot be done by staff, council directed Fox to get three bids to trim the trees. of a resident parking situation on the end of a street blocking access, after much discussion the consensus of the council was to send a letter to the home owner. Would like to hold a mini park meeting before the March council meeting.

New Business:

Fire officers: *Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to approve the 2021 Fire Officers as presented, ayes: Polich, Reed, Peterson, Tauber, abstain Portner, motion carried.* Fire Chief: Nick Klinger, Asst. Fire Chief: Keith Schuelke, Secretary: Savanna Clemon, Truck Runners: Wayne Portner & Kenny Liebl, Training Officers: Mark Voges & Logan Van Deest, and Fire Marshall: Matt Schiller.

Resolution 2021-02 – Appointing Authorized Signers: *Motioned by Polich and seconded by Portner to approve Resolution 2021-02 as presented. Ayes: Reed, Portner, Polich, Peterson and Tauber; motion carried.*

Resolution 2021-03 – 2021 Civic Appointments: *Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to approve Resolution 2021-03 as presented. Ayes: Reed, Portner, Polich, Peterson and Tauber; motion carried.*

Resolution 2021-04 – Accepting a Donation: Accepting an anonymous donation \$100 each to Fire and Ambulance *Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to approve Resolution 2021-04 as presented. Ayes: Reed, Portner, Polich, Peterson and Tauber; motion carried.*

Fire SOG: Updates were presented to council for approval. Chief Klingler explained the changes. ***Motioned by Polich and seconded by Portner to approve the updates to the Fire SOG, Ayes: Reed, Portner, Polich, Peterson and Tauber; motion carried.***

Utility Lien: A property has been in foreclosure, it was paid in full in August, the bills sent to the listed owner on the County site were returned. A lien would let someone who is looking to purchase know that there are utilities to be paid before the sale is completed. **Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to approve placing a utility lien on the property. Ayes: Reed, Portner, Polich, Peterson and Tauber; motion carried.**

Quasquicentennial: Due to this coming up in 2025, Mayor Peterson asked council to start thinking about it and talking about it to the community. Some items discussed: history book update or reprint, item in newsletter asking for input, etc.

2021 Council Schedule: Two changes to the submitted calendar took place, one changing the July council meeting from the normal Monday to Wednesday night that month due to the holiday and fire dept. schedule. The second was changing the first Truth in Taxation to Tuesday night, December 7, so it would not interfere with the Fire Department's annual meeting. **Motioned by Polich and seconded by Reed to make the changes as listed and approve the 2021 Council meeting schedule; all ayes, motion carried.**

Bad Debt: Expert T advised Burger that ambulance debts cannot be collected after 7 years and suggested annually writing off the bad debts, council approved writing off bad debt after seven years at the June 2020 council meeting but to have the amount brought to council each year. **Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to write off the bad ambulance debt of \$3,155.05 from the year 2013, all ayes, motion carried.**

FYI: Park & Rec will be meeting in February to look at the summer planning.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm; all ayes, motion carried.

The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at the Lafayette Community Center at 7 pm.

Sandie Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer