

**Minutes from the Regular Meeting Center City Council  
January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Jill Behnke, Council Members: Mark Wolcott, Lloyd Vetter, Ryan Pease and Garrett Boulineau.

**Others Present:** City Clerk Dana Miron, Public Works Supervisor Eric Garner, Ted Alliegro (City Attorney) Denise Martin (Chisago County Press), Marcus Johnson (Bolton & Menk).

**Others Present:** Max Wilson, Scott Anderson

Mayor Behnke called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

**Oath of Office** was given to Lloyd Vetter, Garrett Boulineau, and Jill Behnke

**Consent Agenda:** Minutes Regular Council December, January Agenda, Special Meeting Minutes December 15, Minutes EDA December 6, December Claims. Motion by Pease and seconded by Wolcott to approve the consent agenda Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

**OPEN FORUM:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Diebel annexation/utility billing:** Ted Alliegro informed council that all paperwork has been completed and recorded at state level. Going forward utility billing will reflect Center City resident fee rates.
- 2. Utility Billing/no reads:** Eric Garner stated he is waiting to hear back from residents after leaving letters on doors. He assured council that meters are being replaced as necessary.
- 3. Hursh Iron Works:** Attorney Ted Alliegro requested authorization to commence litigation regarding the use of the property at 31445 Oasis Road, Center City, MN. Motion by Vetter and seconded by Pease to approve. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. MDG 2023 Contract:** Slight changes in contract were discussed by council. Motion by Wolcott and seconded by Boulineau to approve contract.
- 2. Council/PC holiday dates for 2023:** Motion by Pease and seconded by Vetter for PC meetings to be scheduled for one week later. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried. Motion by Vetter and seconded by Pease for Council meeting to be scheduled for one week later. Ayes-5 Nays-0 motion carried.
- 3. Appointees list 2023:** Motion by Pease and seconded by Vetter to approve. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.
- 4. Committee positions 2023:** Council discussed all committees/members. Motion by Wolcott and seconded by Pease to accept as discussed. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried
- 5. Softline Data (Public Alert) “G Works” contract:** Motion by Wolcott and seconded by Vetter to sign service agreement with no increase in cost at this time. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Fire Department:** Wolcott said no meeting took place with Hazelden. Approved at same rate.
2. **Public Works:**
  - A: **MDH-Sanitary Survey Report:** Eric said just an FYI on report.
  - B: **Snowmobiles/Snow:** Eric reports snowmobilers on sidewalk on Summit which makes sidewalks hard to clear. Eric also reports snowmobilers going through Lorens' Park, on Grand, and bike path. Eric has ordered signage and has spoken with Cliff Shepeck (Sheriff's Dept). Eric states that RE Peterson Co has been needed to remove snow pile buildup caused by excessive snow this season.
  - C: **AT&T:** Marcus suggests taking precautions and getting a second opinion to review structural aspects. Also suggesting AT&T pay to inspect tower and/or any site within the city. Markus will get an estimate from Bolton & Menk.
3. **Clerk/Treasurer:** Nothing at this time
4. **Personnel:**
  - A: **Valerie Fox** requested employee raise as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Council discussed and decided to name her a consultant rather than an employee going forward and to give the 7% raise to her last hourly rate, she will work as needed and not to exceed 50 hours going out to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Motioned by Wolcott and seconded by Vetter. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried
  - B: Motioned by Wolcott and seconded by Pease to have Dana reach out to Norma Anderson (on call status) as a second resource if/when Valerie is unavailable. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.
  - C: **Valerie Fox** shall be removed from City bank account and credit card
  - D: **Dana Miron** requested approval to attend MCFOA conference in March and MMCI in May. Motion to approve by Pease and seconded by Vetter. Ayes-5 Nays-0 Motion carried.
5. **Planning Commission:** Nothing at this time
6. **Zoning and Wellhead Protection:** Eric suggests meeting with Robyn and Dana to get her informed
7. **HPC:** Nothing at this time
8. **Parks:** Nothing at this time
9. **Library:** Nothing at this time
10. **Sewer Board:** Met and continues to make rehabs/replacements as needed. Discussed plant has ability to accommodate increase in population. Unused property/land could be leased out.
11. **Highway 8 Task Force:** Will meet in March
12. **EDA:** Nothing new at this time
13. **Ordinance:** Meeting will be set up for February
14. **Budget Committee:** Nothing new at this time
15. **Visitor's Bureau:** Meeting in February
16. **Beyond the Yellow Ribbon:** Meeting in February

**MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p by Vetter and seconded by Pease. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.**

Attest

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City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor