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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 05, 2022
6:30 PM

Mayor Christy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Dale Christy, Councilor Dale Adams, Councilor Rick Blake, Councilor Tasha Connelly. ABSENT: Councilor Michelle Toven

STAFF: Barb Baird, Laura Pfeifer, Andy Morgan, Kevin Ott, Will Richter, Chad Sterle

PUBLIC FORUM: No one from the public wished to speak.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilor Blake attended the CGMC Fall Conference in November, noting that newly elected City Councilor Molly MacGregor whose term will begin in January 2023, also attended and will serve as representative for the City of Grand Rapids in 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approve Council minutes for Monday, November 28, 2022 Worksession and Regular meetings.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve Council minutes as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

VERIFIED CLAIMS:

2. Approve the verified claims for the period November 22, 2022 to November 28, 2022 in the total amount of \$263,528.57.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly to approve the verified claims as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consider the resignation of Becky Sutherland from Police Administrative Assistant, and authorize staff to begin the process for filling the position.

4. Consider authorizing the Police Department to begin the process of hiring the open position of Police Officer.
5. Consider approving temporary liquor permits for Curling Association events for 2023
6. Consider approving memorandum of understanding with Public Works Union relative to the Central Pension Fund
7. Consider Change Order 1 related to IRA Civic Center Improvements
8. Consider an Agreement with MacRostie Art for services

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

SET REGULAR AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake to approve the regular agenda as amended, removing item #9. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Item #9 removed from the agenda.

FINANCE:

10. Consider adopting a resolution awarding the sale of the \$10,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Temporary Bonds, Series 2022A.

Motion made by Councilor Adams, Second by Councilor Blake adopting **Resolution 22-108**, awarding the sale of \$10,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Temporary Bonds, Series 2022A. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

COUNCIL:

11. Consider nominating Council representative to the RAMS Board of Directors for January 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly nominating Councilor Dale Adams as representative to the RAMS Board of directors for the 2023 calendar year. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

PUBLIC HEARING:

Recessed the regular meeting at 6:45pm for Public Hearing at 7:00pm.

Reconvened at 7:00pm.

12. Conduct a Public Hearing on 2022 Levy Payable in 2023 and 2023 budget at 7:00 p.m.as stated in the Truth in Taxation Statements

Director of Finance, Barb Baird, conducted Truth in Taxation presentation.

Motion made by Councilor Connelly, Second by Councilor Adams to open the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

Mayor Christy stated the reason for the public hearing. City Clerk Gibeau noted that all required notices have been made there has been no correspondence received in the clerk's office.

Maxine Moe, 750 Unser Road, addressed the Council over concerns for her 47.3% property tax increase.

William Kirkpatrick, 716 NW 3rd Avenue, discussed the decrease in exclusions and increases in property value and taxes; expressing concerns for individuals and seniors on fixed incomes being taxed out of their homes.

No one else wished to speak, therefore the following motion was made.

Motion made by Councilor Blake, Second by Councilor Connelly to close the public hearing. Voting Yea: Mayor Christy, Councilor Adams, Councilor Blake, Councilor Connelly

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau
Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk