

SCHALLER CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2024, Schaller, Iowa, Regular Meeting

Roll call: The meeting was called to order in the council chambers by Mayor Sean Ehrp at 6:30 p.m. Council members present: Keith Thompson, Mike Bailey, Chris Grothe, Cindy Segebart. Other city officials present were Clerk Theresa Bailey, Fire Chief Derek Wall and City Supt. Todd Bloyer.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Mike, second by Chris, to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024 regular meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Mike, second by Chris, to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Public forum: Raquel Najera was present to address safety concerns at the intersection near her home.

Public Hearing: Mayor Ehrp opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. for the special building permit at 401 S. Dundas Street. With no one present for or against the building permit, Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m. Motion by Chris, second by Mike, to approve the building permit. Roll call vote: Mike, aye; Chris, aye; Keith, aye; Cindy, aye. Nays: none. All ayes, motion carried.

McClure Engineering: The engineering firm was present to update council on the waste water project as well as water project. After much discussion, council agreed to pursue the engineer's recommendation for the city to file a disadvantaged community application with the DNR. If approved this would allow for an extension on the waste water project. The engineers suggested, if application is approved, switching focus mainly to the water project. McClure will report back when information needs to be updated.

Curt Rininger: Curt was present to express his concerns with the water supply of Schaller. He inquired about a time line for residents to have meters installed.

Donna Box: Donna was present to ask the city council for consideration of a four way stop at the intersection of Dundas and Third Street. She stated this intersection is heavily traveled by children walking to school and several drivers do not respect the yield signs. This will be placed on the March meeting agenda.

Schaller Fire Department: Chief Wall informed council they were able to purchase a new quick attack vehicle for \$48,000. The former quick attack vehicle will be sold on sealed bid with respect to the fire department members first. A reserve bid will be suggested. Council member Thompson abstained from this discussion and item on agenda. City Clerk did submit a grant application to the Oddfellows for support of a new siren system. The application will now move onto the Grand Lodge of Iowa for consideration. Other grants will be explored.

Phone & Key Policy: Motion by Mike, second by Chris, to implement the presented employee phone and key policy. All ayes, motion carried.

Stray Animals: Discussion continued regarding creation of a stray animal ordinance. The current municipal infraction is \$600.00. Council members would like to see the penalty be a simple misdemeanor which is \$60. Clerk will consult with the city attorney. This will be placed on the March agenda.

Trash Storage Containers: Council directed public works to take pictures of the problem trash areas and city clerk will send the picture along with a copy of the city ordinance.

Mosquito Control: Motion by Keith, second by Mike, to have mosquito control for 2024 season provided by Mosquito Control of Iowa. The price remaining the same as last year \$3,735.

Public Hearing: Motion by Mike, second by Keith, to set Monday, April 8th, 6:00 p.m. as the public hearing for the proposed property tax hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Resignation: Motion by Mike, second by Keith, to approve the resignation of council member Rick Roling. All ayes, motion carried.

Open Council Seat: Council has sixty days to appoint a member or then hold special election. Council members decided to open this seat up to interested residents and discuss further at the March meeting. Those interested in running should contact city hall.

Landfill board member: Mayor Ehrp appointed Cindy Segebart as the city's rep for the landfill committee.

No Parking Signs: Motion by Keith to install No Parking Signs on the south side of Third Street between Hanover and Clyde Street. After discussion, Keith withdrew his motion. Motion by Mike, second by Chris, to install No Parking Signs on the north side of Third Street, between Hanover and Clyde Street. Roll call vote: Mike, aye; Chris, aye; Cindy, aye; Keith, nay. Motion carried.

City Personnel Reports: **Theresa** asked to purchase a sign for the yard waste area stating the area is for city of Schaller residents only; the flag at city hall has been taken, Keith will donate a padlock and chain before hanging a new one; shared 2009 debt schedules with council, so all were aware of current amounts; informed all Adam Droegmiller was hired as part time garbage collection; Corey McCoid will be our speaker at the league meeting in April; informed council about lunch with Governor Reynolds; clerk has been working on the lead line inventory; submitted a grant for a work zone sign package with the city being approved; contacted the DNR urban forestry for an updated tree inventory and plan update at no charge to the city. **Todd** inquired with council to install lights outside city sheds and for a new entrance door to the office area, council had no objections. **Keith** reminded council and city supt. about the lead line inventory, would like to see residents repair their sidewalks and clear snow from them; **Cindy** inquired about the ordinance regarding nuisance vehicles; **Mike, Chris, Mayor Ehrp**, nothing at this time

Consideration and approval of claims: Motion to approve \$119,699.96 claims by Chris, second by Keith. All ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Keith, second by Chris. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Sean Ehrp, Mayor

Attest: _____

Theresa Bailey, City Clerk

712 TREE SERVICES	TREE REMOVAL	\$4,750.00
ACCO	SUPPLIES	\$795.60
AG STATE	FUEL	\$1,846.75
AT&T MOBILITY	CELL PHONES	\$176.43
BAKER & TAYLOR	LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$153.05
BOMGAARS	ICE MELT	\$59.95
BRENDA NABERHAUS	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	\$164.68
DEMCO	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	\$95.64
DOCKIT BAR N GRILL	LEAGUE MTG	\$83.62
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$2,483.45
ELIZABETH FIRE DEPT #1	QUICK ATTACK VEHICLE	\$48,012.00
FELD FIRE	FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	\$765.65
FOUNDATION LAB	TESTING	\$82.50
REIMER, LOHMAN & REITZ	LEGAL FEES	\$480.00
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	\$461.44
IA ONE CALL	LOCATING	\$8.10
IPERS	REGULAR	\$1,838.95
J&M REPAIR	HYDRAULIC OIL	\$209.74
JACOB MYRTUE	AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR	\$500.00
JES PERFORMANCE	SNOW PLOW TRUCK WIPERS	\$49.70
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	ENVELOPES	\$231.50

MCCLURE ENGINEERING	WWTP IMPROVEMENTS	\$35,975.74
MENARDS	CITY HALL SUPPLIES	\$116.46
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$2,990.50
NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR	MARKER SET PLOW	\$155.80
RUDD SANITATION	ROLL OFF SERVICE	\$300.00
SCHALLER HERALD	LEGALS	\$183.97
SCHALLER TELEPHONE	SERVICES	\$242.52
THERESA BAILEY	MILEAGE	\$28.14
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS	LIFE INS	\$85.49
USPS POSTMASTER	POSTAL SERVICE	\$227.00
VETTER EQUIPMENT	TRACTOR PARTS	\$25.90
VISUAL EDGE IT, INC.	COPIER CLICKS	\$53.27
WARREN'S SERVICE	SNOW PLOW REPAIRS	\$44.41
WELLMARK BC/BS	HEALTH INS	\$5,326.99
WERNER SEWER & SEPTIC LLC	PRESSURE RELIEF VALVES	\$1,046.56
AP TOTAL		\$110,051.50
PAYROLL		\$9,648.46
TOTAL		\$119,699.96
DISBURSEMENTS		
GENERAL		\$7,441.64
LIBRARY		\$2,126.53
FIRE		\$49,278.44
ROAD USE TAX		\$11,421.74
WATER		\$4,821.73
SEWER		\$38,721.56
LANDFILL/GARBAGE		\$5,888.32
RECEIPTS		
GENERAL		\$7,873.67
FIRE		\$64,076.75
ROAD USE TAX		\$8,534.11
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$1,273.20
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		\$7,416.02
DEBT SERVICE		\$348.76
WATER		\$5,638.08
SEWER		18,286.60
LANDFILL/GARBAGE		\$9,191.89

