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Glencoe City Council Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023
City Center Ballroom

Attendees: Ryan Voss, Yodee Rivera, Susan Olson, Mark Hueser, Paul Lemke, Cory Neid

City Staff: Mark Larson, Kelly Hayes, Mark Ostlund, Mark Lemen, Todd Trippel, Tony Padilla

Others: Lowell Anderson, Rich Glennie, Al Robeck, Elisa Dording, Brian Malz, Andrew Fiebelkorn, and Angie Malz

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Voss with all members present.

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion: Neid, seconded by Lemke to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve City Council Minutes of October 16, 2023

B. Approve liquor license for La Zacatecana

Motion: Lemke, seconded by Hueser to approve the consent agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Presentation of Lifesaving Awards – Tony Padilla, Police Chief

At this time, Glencoe Police Chief Tony Padilla presented lifesaving awards to Glencoe Police Detective Andrew Fiebelkorn and Angie Malz for saving a person that had stopped breathing at Seneca Foods

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items only) There were no public comments.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Animal Ordinance 623 Public Hearing

Public Hearing on Animal Ordinance 623.

Mayor Voss opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 PM.

Resident Al Robeck question the number of Chickens that Glencoe Fleet Supply had for sale in the Spring and if that counted against the 6 chickens a resident could have. He then mentioned quail and pheasants.

Motion: Hueser to close the Public Hearing at 7:09, seconded by Rivera. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion: Neid, seconded by Hueser to approve the second reading of Ordinance 623. All in favor the motion carried.

6. BIDS AND QUOTES

A. Quote for Public Works Pickup – Mark Lemen, Public Works Director

At this time Public Works Director Lemen reviewed the existing Wastewater pickup as a 1998 Dodge Ram with 102,978. He indicated that he had budgeted for its replacement in 2023. Lemen discussed 3 options with the City Council: a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado at \$49,271.55, a 2023 Ford F-150 at \$50,466.00, and a 2023 4- cylinder Turbo Chevrolet Silverado with 5990 miles for \$43,463.00. All the vehicles were from Weelborg in Glencoe. After some discussion, it was decided to go with the Ford as it had an aluminum body.

Motion: Hueser, seconded by Rivera to purchase the Ford F-150 from Weelborg in Glencoe. All in Favor the motion carried.

7. REQUESTS TO BE HEARD

A. Appoint Noel Arebaros to the Park Board, accept his resignation from the Cemetery Board

Motion: Olson to accept the resignation of Noel Arebaros from the Cemetery Board and appoint him to the Park Board, seconded by Heuser. All in favor the motion carried.

B. Approve Campground Rates

The City Council discussed Campground Rates and the survey that had been conducted by Administrative Assistant Myranda VanDamme. The Park Board recommended increasing the nightly fee from \$30.00 to \$33.00 and increasing the discount for Seven day consecutive rental from 20% to 15%.

Motion: Lemke to increase the Campground rates as recommended by the Park Board, Seconded by Rivera. All in favor the motion carried.

C. Community Service Officer Position

Police Chief Padilla discuss the concept of a part-time Community Service Officer to provide assistance to the department in the following areas: Property Room, Records, crime prevention, blight violation, ordinance violations, and parking violations to name a few. The position would not be a sworn police officer but would supplement the police officers. The Glencoe Police Department is currently down two officers. It was estimated that the pay range would be \$23.00 to \$24.00 per hour. Padilla indicated that the position would be filled locally by a student attending Alexandria Technical College for law enforcement, Marco Iracheta. After some discussion by the City Council,

Motion: Neid to establish the part-time position of Community Service Officer for the Police Department, seconded by Rivera. All in favor, the motion carried.

D. 2024 Employee Health Insurance

City Administrator Larson indicated that the renewal of Health insurance with Medica going to be 11.35%. Larson informed the City Council that he and Finance Director Trippel had worked with the City's Insurance company Westland and associates and were recommending a plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield that would lower the out-of-pocket maximums \$6,450 per employee and on family member to \$5,800 per employee and family member. The increased cost to the City was 5.86%. Employees would be picking up 25% of the family premium.

Motion: Lemke, Seconded by Hueser to approve the change of Health Insurance to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. All in favor, the motion carried.

E. 2024 Employee Dental Insurance

City Administrator Larson informed the City Council that the current Dental Insurance through Sun Life had a renewal increase of 12.95% or \$4,829.00 over the current premium. Larson recommended switching our dental insurance to Companion Life with a quoted increase of 3.9% or \$1,455 over our current premium and a guaranteed rate for the next 2 years. Larson noted that there were no increases in the other supplement insurances for 2024.

Motion: Neid, seconded by Olson to switch employee dental insurance to Companion Life for a two-year guaranteed increased total of \$2,910.00. All in favor, the motion carried.

F. Assessment on 1329 13th Street East

During the Public hearing regarding delinquent charges at the October 16, 2023 meeting, Daniel Peterson requested relief regarding the assessment on 1329 13th Street East. The assessment from the City of Glencoe was due to costs incurred in demolishing the house on this property. Peterson had purchased the lot from McLeod County, in a tax forfeiture sale earlier this year. During the tax forfeiture sale, the County removes the assessment and the City then has the option to reassess the property, the original assessment was \$18,230.87 with penalties and interest. City Administrator Larson informed the City Council that the City of Glencoe would receive \$7,670.00 from the sale price on the property.

City Attorney Ostlund indicated that due to a court case, the funds from the sale price might be in question. The City Council discussed options including the original assessment of \$16,498.27, a special assessment of \$8,828.27 (the original assessment minus sale price and penalties), a special assessment of \$10,560.27 (the original assessment minus sale price, including penalties). Councilor Hueser felt that the best idea was to assess the property for \$18,230.87 and credit or reimburse Mr. Peterson when and if the City received the funds for the sale price of the property. Councilor Olson noted that Peterson knew the assessment was there when he purchased the property. Councilor Lemke questioned Ostlund if the City was within their legal right to reassess the full amount and pay Peterson at a later date. Ostlund confirmed. Mayor Voss asked about the information the City had received from the County, Larson stated that everything in the Council memo in Bold was received from the County.

Motion: Hueser, seconded by Councilor Neid to assess the full \$18, 230.87 to the property at 1329 13th Street East, parcel number 22.050.3680. All voted in favor, the motion carried.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Airport Terminal Project

City Administrator Larson updated the City Council on the Airport Terminal project and noted that there was a final walk-through scheduled for Monday, November 13th. A punch list would be generated at that time.

B. Police Department/Liquor Store Roof Project

City Administrator Larson informed the City Council that Laraway Roofing was on site to repair the Police Department and Liquor Store Roofs.

9. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. Project Updates

Councilor Lemke asked about the Hotel Project. Mayor Voss indicated that the current project was on hold and recommended reaching out to the other hotel representatives that the City had originally talked to.

B. Economic Development - None

C. Public Input – None

D. Reports - None

E. City Bills

Motion: Olson, seconded by Neid to pay the City Bills. All in favor, the motion carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hueser, seconded by Neid to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.