The City Council of Elk Horn met in regular session Monday February 5th, 2024, at 6:00 PM with the following members present: Mayor Jens, Councilmen Teegerstrom, D. Petersen, Hogberg, Creek and K. Petersen (via Teams).

City Employees: Chelsee Jacobsen, Jeff Nelson, Jerry Evans.

Mayor Jens called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Creek moved, seconded by Hogberg, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve January 9th, 2024, minutes. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Capital Projects:

The council reviewed the contract and bonds with United Construction for Park Street Improvements. Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to approve Contracts and Bonds - Resolution 2024-2.1. Ayes 5, motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by Creek to approve Pool House Pay app #2 to Viking Construction - $14,710.75. Ayes 5, motion carried.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the Engineering Agreement for the Lagoon updates with Snyder & Associates. Ayes 5, motion carried. Jeff Godwin provided an update on the Water Project.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to open the Public Hearing at on the Planning and Design Loan for Water Utility Improvements, no public comments were received. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to close the public hearing. D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg to approve Resolution 2024-2.4, Authorizing water project planning and design loan.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Hogberg, to open the Public Hearing on Hotel Property Proposals. Ayes 5, motion carried.

2 Proposals submitted. Teegerstrom gave a brief description of the two proposals.

Public Comments: Residents shared a few concerns about proposals asking for TIF. Residents ask if a contract can be made if the property proposal that the city accepts can be turned back over to the city shall the project not work out with the new owner of the property. Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to close the public hearing. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Creek moved, seconded by K. Petersen to approve Resolution 2024-2.3, providing notice solicitating proposals for the purchase of 4037 Main Street and held the required public hearing. Ayes 5, motion carried.

K. Petersen moved, seconded by D. Petersen to approve Resolution 2024-2.2 – Employee wages effective 7/1/24. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Iowa Rural Water Association completed a water rate study. The current rate study indicates that the city needs to increase water and wastewater rates. Council will discuss in March a rate increase schedule for the upcoming increases.

FY Budget 2024-2025 considerations were discussed.

Department Reports:

Streets: The road is sinking near 2009 Washington Street due to a sewer repair over the summer. Clint and Jeff will work on getting the road fixed with the contractor that completed the sewer repairs and replaced that area of the street.

Pool: Pool wages for the Manager and Assistant manager will be discussed in March.

Fire: D. Petersen moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve the updated 2024 Constitution and Bylaws. Ayes 5, motion carried. Township Agreements were township discussed. The city would like to rediscuss the contributions by the townships to the city.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Creek to approve Larsen’s Pub liquor license. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Mayor: Iowa Great Places is donating $2,458.00 for the city to purchase new flags and poles for Main Street.

Council: Western Iowa Wireless inquired about placing an antenna on the water tower for wireless services. The council voted unanimously not in favor of placing anything on the water tower.

Clint stated the paperwork has been filed for nuisance property 4116 Madison Street.

D. Petersen moved, seconded by Creek, to approve the claims register as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by Teegerstrom to approve timesheets as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Hogberg moved, seconded by D. Petersen, to approve the financial report as presented. Ayes 5, motion carried.

Teegerstrom moved, seconded by Hogberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM. Ayes 5, motion carried.

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Stan Jens, Mayor

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Chelsee Jacobsen, City Clerk