

CITY OF NORWAY
December 4th, 2023

Regular meeting of the Norway City Council was called to order by Mayor Bruce Volz at 5:00 PM. Roll Call – Present: Robby Miller, Kevin Frese, and Terry Pickart Absent: Karson Kuester and Kelly Luedtke

Motion to accept agenda, minutes, claims, and treasurer's report presented made by R. Miller and seconded by K. Frese. Motion carried 3-0.

The public hearing for fiscal year 23-24 Budget Amendment opened at 5:01pm. The budget was amended to include expenses for the purchase of a pressure washer in the amount of \$6,200.00 for the Fire Department as well as to pay delinquent federal withholding taxes and interest accrued for the tax periods of 2019, 2020, and 2021 in the amount of \$62,916.07. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 5:03pm.

Motion R. Miller and seconded by K. Frese to approve Resolution 23-14 FY23-24 Budget Amendment. Motion carried 3-0.

Mike and Kristi Rummel were present to ask the council to write a letter stating that the sewer is unavailable for hook-up and that the city will not be pursuing annexation so that the property owners will be able to build a new home on their property and remain a county resident. This request is due to the cost of hooking onto the city sewer system and digging complications. The council agreed to write the letter as requested.

Christopher Van Horn and Michael Schulte were present and took their oaths for the office of Council and will take their seats on the council in January 2024 for 4-year terms.

Loras Schulte was present and took his oath for the office of Mayor. He will take his seat as Mayor in January 2024 for a 2-year term.

There are around 10 tree stumps in the park that need grinding. The city received a quote of \$2,000.00 for the work to be done. Motion R. Miller seconded by K. Frese to accept the work as quoted with the stipulation that payment in full shall only be made upon the completion of the work. Motion carried 3-0.

Well #3 was again discussed. Upon receipt of price quote, it will then be decided on either fixing the well or capping the well and possibly deconstructing the well shed. This is in reference to the well near the city shed on South St. The discussion was tabled until the next council meeting.

The household income surveys were sent to a random selection of residents in November. It is imperative that these surveys are completed and returned to City Hall for the City to receive a \$500,000 block grant to help fund the water pressure booster project. The city needs 174 survey responses. As of 12/4/23 the city has received around 70 completed surveys.

The company hired to relocate the emergency siren into Norway has become unresponsive. City officials are working diligently to ensure the emergency siren project is completed.

The city is waiting for the approval to move forward with pouring a concrete pad where the power generator for the Fire Station will sit. Because this is being funded by a grant, the city must follow instructions given by the grantor.

Nuisance properties are being handled by the court and the city attorney. Nuisance letters are being sent as necessary.

Council concerns included T. Pickart's concern about speeding on Railroad St and the cleaning of curb and gutters, and storm drains. R. Miller mentioned the request to change the city council meeting time from 5:00pm to 5:30pm. This will be on the agenda for the January 2024 council meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 5:55pm made by K. Frese and seconded by R. Miller. Motion carried 3-0.

Bruce Volz, Mayor

Kennedy Judkins, City Clerk