

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

The Le Grand City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Monet Center with Mayor, Jodi L. Abrahams presiding. Public Attendance: 2 Citizens

Roll Call: Jodi Abrahams, Judy Cecak, Todd Parrish, Tyler Sawyer, Don Weitzell, Troy Underhill. Also present: City Clerk – KyLee Stone, Public Works - Rod Fehrmann, Fire Chief – Brad Mauseth, Library Director – Stacia Foster

Approval of Agenda: J Cecak motioned to approve agenda. Seconded by T Parrish. Roll Call: 5-0 Carried.

Consent Agenda: D Weitzell motioned to approve Consent Agenda. Seconded by T Parrish. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

A. March 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. B. March 26, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes – Proposed Tax Levy Minutes. C. March 26, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes. D. March 2024 Financial Reports. E. April 2024 Claims for Payment F. February 13, 2024 correction to Meeting Minutes G. Appointment to Park & Recreation Commission to T Wilson.

Citizens Forum: D Cecak asked how long a vehicle could be parked on the street without moving? Council said the Ordinance doesn't have much in it about parking on the street and that the Street and Alley section in the Code of Ordinance needs to be revise. D Cecak asked about a car parked in a driveway with no license plate. Mayor Abrahams said that a nuisance form would need to be filled out.

Committee Reports: Sheriff's Report: Deputy Dierking reported the March activity in Le Grand.

Water: R Fehrmann reported that he is still installing meters and there is 133 meters left.

Wastewater: R Fehrmann received a quote to line the sewer on Grandview.

RUT: Slide has been taken out at City Park with the help of D Cecak. R Fehrmann hopes to get to Cessford's to get Cold Patch. Library: S Foster reported received a grant from Community Foundation of Marshall County to place a free pantry inside the library lobby. They also received a grant from SEAL, which is the student philanthropy club at East Marshall, and will be used to fill pantry with personal care items. There is a free beekeeping program on 4/10/24 at 1pm, a community book club meeting on 4/11/24 at 2pm, and a charcuterie board program on 4/14/24 at 2pm. 9 new library cards were issued in March.

Fire/EMS: Nothing to report.

Clerk: K Stone had an update on the 2024 Water Project; All CDBG application and all permits have been submitted, and we should hear back on the IA DOT permits in the next month. The clerk has registered for Spring Conference and Summer Classes. New Insurance cards at City hall for all City vehicles. June 20<sup>th</sup> the clerk's husband is having neck surgery and the following week is Clerk School as well as End of Fiscal year. Council approved City Hall opening at 8am on April 18, 2024 for that day only. 301 W Julian St still has not paid their bill for the concrete work done in June of 2023. Council approved to give them 1 year to pay and that deadline is May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Clerk sent out another invoice to the homeowners. Clerk asked for a Bill of Sale for the Ambulance so she could send it in to the insurance company because it was never removed from the policy. Council approved to have BDH set up a Mayor email address that would forward all emails to Mayor's personal email at no cost. The new 2024 Municipal Leader Handbook from Iowa League of Cities is available and all council members and mayor would like a digital copy.

First Reading of Ordinance #251: An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Le Grand, Iowa, by Amending Provisions pertaining to Sewer Service Charges. Sewers Rate will go up 3% for FY25, making the Residential Base Rate: \$44.66 and the Usage Rate per 1,000 gal of water used: \$7.57. The Commercial Base Rate: \$44.66 and the Usage Rate per 1,000 gal of water used: \$15.15. J Cecak Motioned to approve Ordinance #251. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

**First Reading of Ordinance #252:** An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Le Grand, Iowa, by Amending Provisions pertaining to Water Service Charges. Water Rates will go up 13% for FY25, making the Residential Base Rate: \$9.72, and the Usage Rate per 1,000 gal of water used: \$11.18. The Commercial Base Rate: \$10.6, and the Usage Rate per 1,000 gal of water used: \$11.18. D Weitzell Motioned to approve Ordinance #252. Seconded by T Parrish . Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-2024:** A Resolution Approving Acceptance of Engineering Invoice #5001051 in the amount of \$2,174.80 for the 23-WD-0053 Le Grand Water Main System Improvements Project by Clapsaddle-Garber Associate (CGA) of Marshalltown, Iowa for the City of Le Grand, Iowa. T Parrish motioned to approve Resolution No. 25-2024. Seconded by J Cecak. Roll Call: 5-0 Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2024:** A Resolution for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation for Sewer Line Repairs in the amount of \$32,815.22. J Cecak motioned to approve Resolution No. 26-2024. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 27-2024: A Resolution to Memorialize and Clarify the Transaction as to Parcel A Located at 505 West Main Street, Le Grand, Iowa. D Weitzell motioned to approve Resolution No. 27-2024. Seconded by T Parrish. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.**

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2024: A Resolution Approving Wages for the Le Grand Enrichment & Arts Program (LEAP) Director and Counselors for June 2024. The LEAP Director will receive a single payment of \$2,500 for the June 2024 Program and the Counselors will receive \$7.25 per hour. Any returning Counselors will receive a .25 cent per hour increase for each year of LEAP experience. J Cecak motioned to approved Resolution No. 28-2024. Seconded by D Weitzell. Roll Call: 5-0. Carried.

There was a discussion of investing City Funds with IPAIT and/or Citizens Savings Bank. T Sawyer spoke broadly on how it would be beneficial to the City. Mayor Abrahams said that she spoke with Citizens Savings bank they have a 13 months CD with a current rate of 4.05% and IPAIT has a rate of 5.08%. The mayor recommended that we invest in both and put reserve amounts in writing before investing. The Council agrees that the City should be investing. A representative from IPAIT will be attending the May Council Meeting to answer any questions and give more details on how the process works.

T Sawyer will be resigning from Council in July 2024. The City is going to fill the vacancy internally. The clerk is directed to publish and post the Vacancy Flier. Any Citizens that want to be considered for appointment should submit a request in writing to the City Clerk’s Office by June 5, 2024 by 4:30 PM. The City Council intends to fill this vacancy by appointment during the July 9, 2024 Council Meeting at 7pm at the Monet Center.

Council Reports: T Underhill said there may possibly be a request to remove a sidewalk, and he thinks the Council should set certain requirements/criteria for when the request for sidewalk removal comes up. This will be going on May agenda. T Underhill spoke again about possibly doing an overlay on some of the streets in town. A Rhodes quoted \$45,000 for multiple street repairs. Council and Mayor would like A Rhodes to come to the May Council Meeting to discuss more in depth on how this process would work. T Parrish said that the City was denied by Alliant to put solar on the Cities vacant lot by the lagoon. T Parrish also spoke with 360 Energy Solutions, and they informed him there are 2 ways to get solar on the lot. Through Alliant, which we were denied, and to develop the land and put our own solar equipment out there.

There are two benches at the park that need concrete under them, and 3 new garbage can that need to be put out to replace the old ones. The City is going to make a plan to get this done.

CLAIMS:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
J ABRAHAMS	TRAINING – CLERK – REISSUED CHECK	437.50
J ABRAHAMS	TRAINING - CLERK	770.00
ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL	MULT DEPT ENERGY BILL	2,481.46
ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL	LIFTSTATION	230.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MULT DEPTS – SUPPLIES/PROGRAMS	545.17
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLIES	VEHICLE OP/MAINT	153.45
ASSUREDPARTNERS GREAT PLAINS	2024 INSURANCE POLICY	37,672.00
B3 TECHNOLOGIES	TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY	40.66
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	1,376.74
BDH TECHNOLOGY	MULTI-DEPT TECHNOLOGY	306.00
BIBLIONIX	PROGRAMMING	1,350.00
BLANK PARK ZOO	LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP	250.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL	EMS SUPPLIES	651.10
CLAPSADDLE-GARBER ASSOC	WATER PROJECT ENGINEERING	2,174.80
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	PUBLICATIONS	101.50
DO ART PRODUCTIONS	SUMMER PROGRAM – LIBRARY	225.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	2,502.47
FIRE SAFETY USA, INC.	OPERATIONAL EQUIP – FIRE	440.00
FRIENDS OF GRIMES LIBRARY	MEMBERSHIP	225.00
IAMU	ANNUAL WATER DUES	779.00
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	MARCH 2024 WATER EXCISE TAX	774.30

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IA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	QTR 1 2024 UNEMPLOYMENT	45.17
IPERS	IPERS REGULAR	2,134.96
IRUA	MARCH 2024 WATER READINGS	6,604.88
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	MINOR EQUIP – FIRE	1,396.96
LE GRAND SANITATION	APRIL GARBAGE FEES	90.00
MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE	MAGAZINE – LIBRARY	172.35
MARSHALL CO AUDITOR	2023 CITY ELECTIONS	696.96
MARSHALL CO LANDFILL	FY25 SECOND HALF FEES	1,810.00
MEDIACOM	FIRE DEPT PHONE/INTERNET	157.37
MEDIACOM	PHONE/INTERNET - LIBRARY	162.40
MEDIACOM	MULTI-DEPT – PHONE/INTERNET	326.30
MENARD	MAINT & CITY HALL SUPPLIES	96.63
MICROBAC LABORATORIES	WATER TEST	17.50
MUNICIPAL PIPE TOOL	OTHER PROF SERVICES – VIDEO	1,876.25
RACOM	FIRE/EMS MINOR EQUIPMENT	173.00
SCHENDEL PEST CONTROL	MONTHLY SERVICES - CC	41.26
SERVICEMASTER OF MARSHALLTOWN	BUILD/MAINT – CHAIR CLEANING	772.50
STATE INCOME TAXES	STATE TAXES	1,041.74
UNITED BENEFIT SOCIETY INC	DUES - FIRE	6.75
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	UB POSTCARD POSTAGE FEE	147.34
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC.	FEBRUARY 2024 PERMIT FEES	272.00
VERIZON	PHONES/IPADS MARCH	162.88
WEITZELL, DON	EMS TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT	20.00
WEX BANK	MULT DEPT FUEL	495.45
XEROX CORPORATION	PRINTER RENTAL/LEASE	81.10
Accounts Payable Total		71,748.40
Payroll Checks		12,002.20
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$83,750.60

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21pm

Respectfully submitted, KyLee Stone, City Clerk/Treasurer

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