

May 8, 2023  
City Council Meeting Minutes

The May 8, 2023 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Steve Knepper. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Delaney, Hosch, Kelchen, Oliphant and Rausch answered roll call.

Motion Kelchen, second Oliphant to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Speakers from the floor: Tracie Delarm requested the Council considered changing the vicious animal to not include specific breeds of dogs and instead only list aggressive behaviors.

Motion Delaney, second Hosch to approve the consent agenda items including City Council Minutes 4/24/23, Park Board 5/1/23, Library Board 5/2/23 and Board of Adjustment 5/4/23; May 10, 2023 claims and April 2023 financial reports. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance for consideration to eliminate the reference to animal breeds which was suggested by our City Attorney to aid in enforcement and as this is being considered by the State Legislature.

FEH Design and Staff Reported on the current plans Library and Community Center.

Motion Oliphant, second Rausch to approve Resolution #40-23 Hiring FEH Design for Construction Documents Phase for the New Library and Community Center, to include the design of a geo-thermal system if rebates from the Federal Government make this cost effective. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Library Director Kane presented a semi-annual update on the Public Library.

Motion Oliphant, second Delaney to approve Resolution #42-23 Approval to Accept the State of Iowa CAT Grant (\$460,000). Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Kelchen, second Hosch to approve Resolution #39-23 Setting a Public Hearing for FY23 Budget Amendment. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Rausch, second Kelchen approve the Second of Three Readings of Ordinance #05-23 EMS Ambulance Fee. Roll Call vote. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion Delaney, second Oliphant to approve Resolution #41-23 Approval of a Public Comment Policy. Roll Call vote. Four Ayes, One Nay (Hosch). Motion carried.

Council discussed the discontinuation of Cable TV with Cascade Communications which means there will no longer be a public access Channel 18 as of 12-31-23. Council also discussed the changes to the Property Tax laws in Iowa.

Heim and Kotter provided staff updates.

Motion Kelchen, second Delaney adjourn at 8:00pm. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Lisa Kotter, City Administrator