

Westgate City Council Proceedings
Regular Council Meeting
February 13, 2023
Community Room, City Hall, Westgate, IA

City Council met in regular session. Mayor Gene Rubendall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council members present: D. Wolff, S. Hannan, R. Moore, E. Wolff, and T. Wolff

Others present: Dave Nuss, Teela Wild, Chuck and Becky Hurd, Mike Wagner, and Dustin Mohs. Rhonda Harn was present during the Library portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by D. Wolff to approve the consent agenda this included approval of the agenda, minutes, treasurer's report bank statement, and bills to pay. Seconded by S. Hannan. Motion passed.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

Mike Wagner from Alliant Energy addressed the Council about the need to reaffirm the Electric Franchise Agreement that the City has with Alliant Energy as the current agreement of 25 years is about to expire. Mike also introduced the concept of the possibility of a franchise agreement between Alliant Energy and the City of Westgate which could be a much needed new stream of revenue for the City. A hearing and resolution will be most likely held at the April City Council meeting.

A Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy set for the 2023/2024 Annual City Budget was opened at 6:19pm. There were no public written or oral comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:21pm.

The Council considered the Maximum Property Tax Dollars Resolution #2023-1. Roll call vote: D. Wolff – yes, S. Hannan – yes, R. Moore – yes, E. Wolff – yes, T. Wolff – yes. Resolution 2023-1 passed.

A motion was made by S. Hannan to set the date for Public Hearing on Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 for the Regular Council Meeting on March 6, 2023. Seconded by D. Wolff. Motion passed.

Old Business:

310 S. Cass St is still being processed.

The trees in the park are marked and will be cut down and removed soon.

Water/Sewer: D. Nuss reported to the Council that everything is fine. A new pump will be ordered to have one as a backup.

City Equipment: Nothing to report

Westgate Community Club: Nothing to report

Library: R. Harn addressed the council putting forward Mary Belden as a new member of the Library Board. D. Wolff made a motion to approve M. Belden as a member of the Library Board. R. Moore seconded. Motion passed.

Mayor/City Clerk: City Clerk addressed the Council about the state of the City budget and how the General and Sewer funds are losing money while the Water fund is the only revenue keeping the City in the black. This may need to be addressed with our 23/24 budget.

Motion to adjourn meeting by D. Wolff and seconded by T. Wolff. Motion passed. Council Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Bills:

Dave Nuss \$1338.84

Teela Wild \$704.54

Gene Rubendall \$129.16

Eric Wolff (Council Salary & Expenses) \$287.07

Randy Moore \$161.60

Savannah Hannan \$129.29

Tasha Wolff \$96.97

IRS 941 Federal Tax \$1593.55

Iowa Department of Revenue (Withholding & Sales Tax) \$690.10

IPERS \$397.18

Alliant Energy \$1405.47

US Cellular \$70.50

Hawkeye Interconnect \$112.23

Consolidated Energy Company \$678.77

Viafield \$412.17

City of Westgate Library \$3750.00

Fidelity Bank (Safe Deposit Rental Payment) \$30.00

Gene Rubendall, Mayor

Teela Wild, Clerk