

MINUTES OF THE PROCTOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 6TH, 2023

Meeting was streamed live on the Trac 7 YouTube channel.

Mayor Ward called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Mayor Ward, Councilor Troy DeWall, Councilor Jake Benson, Councilor Rory Johnson, Councilor Jim Rohweder

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrative Assistant Megan Jordan, Kent Gaidis, Ted Kiefat, Attorney Bray via telephone

M/S/P: Johnson/Rohweder to approve the minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

M/S/P: Ward/Rohweder to approve the agenda for February 6<sup>th</sup>, adding the following item:  
6E Legislative Update.

Citizens addressing the council via in person or by calling in: None

M/S/P: Rohweder/Ward to approve the consent agenda for Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

4. Clerk Advises Council, Mayor Ward presents in the absence of Administrator Rich

A. Fire Call Memo

2022 fire call totals are included in the packet with the request to contact Chief Helquist with any questions.

B. PACC Rentals

Working in collaboration with Community Education and rentals have resumed.

C. One Roof Community Housing – 730 5<sup>th</sup> St

Construction has completed with city staff touring the home, and it is currently on the market.

D. 2<sup>nd</sup> St Project Update

The city is about 95% completed with design, with a committee meeting scheduling soon for final design details.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

M/S/P: Benson/Johnson to accept the 2023 towing permits from USA Towing as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Johnson Y, Benson Y, Ward Y, Rohweder Y, DeWall Abstains

M/S/P: Rohweder/Benson to accept the 2023 towing permit from Troy's Towing as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Johnson Y, Benson Y, Ward Y, Rohweder Y, DeWall Abstains

M/S/P: Rohweder/DeWall approve the SRO report as submitted prior to the regular council meeting.

M/S/P: Ward/Johnson to accept the Proctor Police 2022 annual report as submitted prior to the regular council meeting.

M/S/P: Rohweder/Benson to approve the 2023 fire services agreement with Midway Township.

M/S: Rohweder/Benson, rescinded, and discussion follows to table the item after Councilor DeWall adds there is additional information, he would like to inform council of during closed session. M/S/P: DeWall/Johnson to table item 6C.

M/S/P: Rohweder/DeWall to approve WIPFLI engagement letter for 2022 audit services in the amount of \$27,400.

Councilor Benson provides a legislative update, stating the LMC "City Day on the Hill" will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Benson states the house and senate are moving quickly, signing, and passing 1396

bills in the legislature to date. Councilor Benson suggests legislative items pertinent to the City of Proctor with some items and project possibilities, noting the mid-March deadline.

M/S/P: Ward/DeWall to suspend the regular city council meeting at 6:20 pm and open a closed session pursuant to §13D.06 Subd. 1(b) for labor negotiations.

M/S/P: DeWall/Rohweder to resume the regular city council meeting at 7:02 pm.

M/S/P: Rohweder/Johnson to accept the agreement with Midway Township for fire services as submitted, noting the redlined changes in the agreement as stated.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Benson: Provides a historical fact regarding council meetings for the city, noting on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1897, the change in meeting times from Saturdays to Mondays was made.

Johnson: PAHA is hosting a free community skating night on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the outdoor rink at St. Luke's arena.

DeWall: None

Rohweder: None

Mayor Ward: Acknowledges phone calls received regarding plowing and snowbanks at Bayview Elementary. Mayor Ward notes the city is currently working with the City of Duluth, the Duluth Police Department, and the Proctor School District for resolutions. Notes the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, due to the President's Day holiday.

Attorney Bray: None

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

**GENERAL: \$174,792.70**

**Liquor: \$37,861.18**

**TOTAL: \$212,653.88**

M/S/P: Rohweder/Benson to approve the bills as submitted.

M/S/P: DeWall/Ward to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:06 pm.

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Chad Ward  
Mayor

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Jess Rich  
City Administrator