

MINUTES OF THE PROCTOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 20, 2023

Meeting was streamed live on the Trac 7 YouTube channel.

Deputy Mayor DeWall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Ward

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Rich, Ted Kiefat, Attorney Bray via telephone, Chief of Police Kent Gaidis, Mr. Gene Halverson, and Eric Madson

M/S/P: Rohweder /Johnson to approve the March 6, 2023, Minutes.

M/S/P: Rohweder/Johnson to approve the agenda for Monday March 20, 2023, with the addition of items 6E Legislative Update and 7C Labor Negotiations.

Citizens addressing the council via in person or by calling in:

Mr. Gene Halverson 5600 Maple Hill Road but owns property in Midway Township regarding Emergency First Responder service for Midway Township.

M/S/P: Benson/Rohweder to approve the consent agenda for Monday, March 6, 2023, pulling items 3D and 3E for discussion.

4. Clerk Advises Council

A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Update

Final design as been submitted to the state for review, continue to work on receiving signed temporary easement agreements. Since this is a county sponsored project, they will put the project out for and accept the bids. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Committee met with the Trees and Beautification Committee to make recommendations. We are hoping for a June 1, 2023, start date.

B. Rich reports she along with Police Chief Gaidis and Fire Chief Helquist have started reviewing and updating the Emergency Operations Plan in preparation for possible spring flooding.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

M/S/P: Rohweder/DeWall to approve resolution 09-23 as submitted.

M/S/P: DeWall/Rohweder to table approval on resolution 10-23.

M/S/P: Johnson/Benson to accept the resignation of Ms. Courtney Price from the Proctor Volunteer Fire Department.

M/S/P: Johnson/Rohweder to suspend the regular city council meeting at 6:45 pm and open a closed session pursuant to §13D.06 Subd. 1(b) for labor negotiations, attorney client privilege and economic development data.

M/S/P: Rohweder/Johnson to resume the regular city council meeting at 7:46 pm.

M/S/P: DeWall/Rohweder to direct City Attorney Brey to commence suit as discussed in closed session.

M/S/P: DeWall/Benson to approve the tentative agreement with LELS Local #21 as discussed.

MEMBER CONCERNS

Benson: He and Police Chief Gaidis attended the town hall meeting with our senator and representative at the St. Luke's Sports and Event Center. Approximately 100 people attended with standing room only. They discussed increases to local government aid and retaining and attracting police officers as well as education, health care and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Reminder the LMC Annual Conference will again be held in Duluth. He encourages city councilors to attend.

Johnson: On behalf of the Read3 organization, he would like to thank everyone who supported the recent annual fundraiser which has been earmarked for the Playground for Everybody

DeWall: None

Rohweder: None

Mayor Ward: None

Attorney Bray: None

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

General: \$252,147.35

Liquor: \$42,563.36

**TOTAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL: \$294,710.71**

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

M/S/P: DeWall/Johnson to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:53 pm.

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Troy DeWall  
Acting Mayor

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Jess Rich  
City Administrator