

CITY OF ERIE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.
Erie City Hall

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| Present: Darrell Bauer | Cindy Schoenhofer, Treasurer |
| Cindy Friedrich | Tyler Seibel, Police Chief |
| Tereasa DeMeritt (absent) | Melissssa Stephens, City Clerk |
| Trenton Moore | Jake Tromsness, Superintendent |
| Steve Maher | Seth Jones, City Attorney |
| Kyle Buntin | Cindy Garland, Store Manager |

Guests: Eddie Hibbs, Jack Kennedy, Dan Wilson

Mayor Darrell Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Maher moved and Friedrich seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bauer added a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for Grocery Store Manager Cindy Garland and added Eddie Hibbs under public comment 5a.

Upon motion by Friedrich and a second by Buntin, the agenda was unanimously closed.

Eddie Hibbs commented that the City of Erie publishes annual ads such as city-wide garage sales and cleaning up the cemetery and he wanted the council to address if the department heads needed to put an annual ad in the paper could they do so without having to get it approved by council. Council agreed they would allow department heads to make that decision as long as it did not go over \$500.00. If so, then it would need approval.

Councilmember Trenton Moore commented he had talked with the owner of the nursing home on Main Street and let him know a group of Amish working in the area were interested in tearing down the nursing home for free if they could keep some of the materials. The owner was very interested as they are wanting to tear the nursing home down. They are going to make contact with the Amish.

Jack Kennedy and Dan Wilson were present to speak on behalf of the Recreation Commission. Dan said they received one applicant for the pool manager position. The applicant has been certified since 2019 and they recommended the council hire Garrett Ruark as the 2022 pool manager. Maher moved and Buntin

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seconded to hire Garrett Ruark as the 2022 pool manager starting May 30th. Ruark will be paid a total of \$6000.00 for the pool season. Motion carried unanimously.

Maher moved and Buntin seconded to hold a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for the grocery store. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular session recessed at 6:20 P.M.

The executive session convened at 6:20 P.M. with the council, City Attorney and store manager remaining.

The executive session adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

The regular session re-convened at 6:25 P.M. with the following action. Maher moved and Buntin seconded to give the following: Bennie White, Tamera Schwab, Kye Coover, Hannah White and Courtney Merrick a .50 raise. Motion carried unanimously.

Store Manager Cindy Garland also reported she had been in contact with AWG in regard to lowering the price tier 4%. AWG will have the new price tags by June 8th, and grocery store ads will be sent every two weeks instead of every week.

Police Chief Tyler Seibel reported Kelly's computer quit working. They purchased a new tower around \$530.00 and keep the original monitor. The white police truck's air conditioning is now fixed Seibel reported and it ended up costing \$750.00.

Chief Seibel also asked the council for approval to purchase a bullet proof vest. Seibel said they have two vests now, but he could not fit in either one of them. A vest usually costs around \$500 to \$1,300.00. The company who sells the vest will be here on June 8th and Tyler will confirm the price.

Chief Seibel said he also has hired one part-time person, he is working on getting all the paperwork for that person, and he is working on hiring a full-time person as well.

Chief Seibel also reported a gun belonging to the City of Erie had been missing since 2014. Seibel recently had a lead on where the gun might be located and they are in the works on retrieving the fire arm.

City Superintendent Jake Tromsness presented his report. He said it's been a slow week, but it appears engine #7 at the Erie Energy Center is almost repaired. They are just waiting on IDS to align the generator and engine.

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Superintendent Tromsness reported the street signs were installed at the State Street crosswalk.

Tromsness also reported Jerry Moses, Jake Andrews and himself went to Chanute for training for two days. They are now certified in excavation and trenching safety as well as confined space safety.

Tromsness also reported Dalton Hurst had completed the CDL training and is waiting for an appointment to take his driving test.

Councilman Steve Maher said he had seen some activity on 4th street and wondered if work was being done on the 4th Street project. Tromsness said they were taking soil samples. Clerk Stephens said she would touch base with Shoeb Uddin with Sunflower Design to see if he could give an update on where they were at with the 4th street project.

City Clerk Melissa Stephens presented the June fuel adjustment of .0657. Friedrich moved and Maher seconded to approve the June fuel adjustment. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Stephens said she had received an email from the auditors Neil Phillips and Phil Jarred. After the special meeting regarding the financial situation of the grocery store, if the council wanted, they could pay for the grocery store heater using funds from Equipment Reserve, even though no contribution has been made by the grocery store to equipment reserve.

Councilman Kyle Buntin wanted to know how Equipment Reserve was funded and could they wait til the next council meeting to make a decision. Clerk Stephens said she would put it on the agenda for the council meeting and she would have more information on how the Equipment Reserve was funded.

Maher moved and DeMeritt seconded to hold a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular session recessed at 6:57 P.M.

The executive session convened at 6:57 P.M. with the council, city attorney and city clerk remaining.

The executive session adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

The regular session re-convened at 7:02 P.M. with no action taken.

Treasurer will have the sewer rates at the next council meeting since City Attorney Seth Jones did not prepare the ordinance to raise rates.

Mayor Darrell Bauer appointed the following to committees:

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Preston Page – Recreation Commission-3-year term expiring May 2025
Buntin moved and Maher seconded to approve Preston Page to the
Recreation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

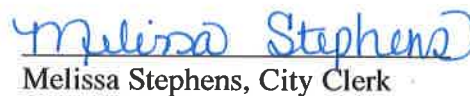
Steve Maher-Economic Development Committee-1 year term- expiring
May 2023. Buntin moved and Friedrich seconded to approve Steve Maher to the
Economic Development Committee. Buntin, Friedrich, Moore voted aye with Steve
Maher abstaining. Motion carried by majority vote.

Upon motion from Maher and a second by Friedrich, the meeting was
unanimously adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

APPROVED June 13, 2022:


Governing Body Member

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Melissa Stephens, City Clerk