

Inwood City Council
March 11, 2024

Inwood City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chamber. Mayor Becca Bixler presided. Council Members present: Rick Rozeboom, Chad Evans, Jordan Huyser, Shannon Faber, and Mark Timmerman. Also present: Natalie Bohlke, Jamie Van Beek, Emery Blankespoor, Mya Brands, Laura Olson, Jordan Halma, John Fluit Jr, Anita Fluit, Troy Van Beek, Jeremy Meendering, and Payton Klarenbeek.

Jamie Van Beek presented his monthly maintenance report. Van Beek continues to install end points on water meters. He has been busy cleaning up the shop and equipment. Snow gates have been moved back to the park. Van Beek will start preparing for pool season soon.

Laura Olson, Inwood Library Director, met with Council Members to present the library's annual budget. Donna Bos retired as Library Director on December 31st. Thank you to Donna for her many years of dedicated service for our library and community. Laura is getting to know the Inwood patrons. A new monthly book club has started. Laura reviewed the budget with Council Members. There is a \$1050 increase for FY24-25. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Timmerman to approve the library's budget.

Council Members reviewed the proposed city budget for 2024-2025. Council will hold a Public Hearing on March 26, 2024 at 5:45 pm regarding City of Inwood's proposed Property Tax Levy for FY25 Budget. A Public Hearing regarding the proposed budget will be held Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm.

John Fluit Jr met with Council to give an update on the Manna Market. John read a statement for Jenn Jenson.

Jeremy Meendering, Troy Van Beek, and Payton Klarenbeek met with Council to continue discussion on a new fire & rescue station and a change in the city shop location. The current fire station is 60 x 70 ft and the city shop is 50 x 40 ft and the older city storage building is 32 x 48 ft. Discussion will continue. Meendering will work on more estimates and information.

Jordan Halma met with Council Members to discuss available lots in Van Regenmorter Subdivision. Property tax abatement incentives were discussed. Halma is interested in building a duplex in the sub division and discussed lot prices.

Natalie Bohlke presented her monthly report. Natalie is setting up a community text message system and has been updating the Inwood website.

Motion by Timmerman, second by Rozeboom to approve the Consent Agenda which includes minutes of the February 12 Council meeting, Treasurer's report, and list of bills for payment. Carried 5-0.

Alliance Comm	Telephone service	\$205.36
AB Auto	Repairs	403.56
American Hero	Brochures	109.62
Auditor - Iowa	Annual fee	1500.00

Badger Meter	Service fee	390.39
Tony De Smet	Reports	250.00
DGR	Engineering	2771.50
Foundation Lab	Lab tests	16.50
Herm's Sanitation	Garbage	6768.00
Iowa Parks	Registration	360.00
IPERS	Payroll	2505.50
Lil Chubs	Fuel	82.34
Lyon Rural Water	Water	4459.95
Lyon Co Auditor	Election	2584.77
Metering & Tech	Registers	221.26
Oak Street Station	Fuel	80.65
One Office	Paper	110.00
Postmaster	Postage	165.24
Pro Chem	Cleaner	206.50
True Value	Supplies	167.30
Town & Country	Skid loader	5000.00
Treas - Iowa	Sales tax	932.30
US Treas	Payroll	3939.56
West Lyon Herald	Publication	13.94
Woods Fuller	Legal	85.00
Alliance Comm	Library telephone	92.17
Baker & Taylor	Books	1280.10
Demco	Supplies	71.75
Mary Stai	Supplies	84.99
Van Mannen's	Monitor	119.99

Council discussed nuisance abatement and the need to address some areas. Motion by Timmerman, second by Faber to work with NW Iowa Planning & Development on a Nuisance Abatement program. Carried 5-0. Planning and Development will come to Inwood and inspect residential and commercial properties. Photos will be taken and letters will be sent to property owners. Property owners will be given a set amount of time to abate the nuisance.

Bixler presented an update on the Community Center project. A community informational meeting is set for Monday, March 18. Eric Oleson, Architect, will be present to explain the design plans and answer questions. The Public Adjuster continues to work with our insurance company to finalize the insurance claim.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Evans to approve a building permit for FAB303, LLC for a duplex. Carried 5-0.

Council discussed available residential lots in the Van Regenmorter Subdivision. There are only 9 available lots. Much discussion on reducing the selling price and following the covenants. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Huyser to reduce the selling price by 75% on the available lots. Ayes: Timmerman, Faber, Huyser and Rozeboom No: Evans. More discussion concerning wording in the purchase agreement about completing construction in 18 months. Motion by Rozeboom, second by Huyser to rescind the previous motion. Carried 5-0. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion by Timmerman, second by Evans to introduce and move for adoption Resolution #3-24, Resolution Approving Application to Lyon County Riverboat Foundation for a mini grants. AYES: Timmerman, Faber, Huyser, Evans, and Rozeboom, NO: none Resolution passed and approved.

Motion by Rozeboom, second by Evans to adjourn. Carried 5-0.

Carol Vander Kolk
City Clerk