

Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Patricia Showalter called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council members present: Bev Hall, Scott Corsair, Jeff Werth, and Mike Tyrell. Others present were: City Superintendent Richard Hall, City Clerk Debbie LeDoux, Jr Steckline, Bob Ummel and Gary Foos. Council member Cindy Fuentes arrived at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS: Communication from AdamsBrown, LLC confirming acceptance and understanding of services they are to provide for the year ended December 2023 and assistance with 2025 budget preparation was shared and signed by Mayor Showalter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Scott Corsair moved to approve the minutes of the last Council meeting as presented, seconded by Bev Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Code violations noted by Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Rorabaugh on his visit Friday, May 10 were shared with council and discussed. Most violations are due to the need for mowing. Debbie will prepare courtesy letters as needed.  
2. City Wide Clean-up was discussed. There were a few concerns discussed about excessive debris and some items that should not have been set out for pickup. Overall, it was a successful event.  
3. Street repairs were discussed. Partial payment for patching work will be paid by the City. The work to be done on the water supply line under the concrete to be laid on Ave A was discussed. Street improvements will begin in July.  
4 EMC insurance was reviewed. There is an increase in premiums. No other options are available at this time so payment is approved.  
5. Debbie shared that she received an email regarding website development for the City. She will look further into the information she received.  
6. Concern about the wording of the Ordinance on open burning was discussed. Scott will confer with City Attorney for clarification.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: Gary Foos addressed the Council requesting the City change plans for Storm Water Sewer Improvements along Foos Ave. to give them access to farm ground from city street. Council again explained that Foos Ave is not designed to accommodate heavy vehicles and all project plans and bids have been accepted. No changes will be made. Mr. Foos left the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Because of issues with individual council members being confronted by Mr. Foos or receiving may calls from him, Scott Corsair moved and Mike Tyrell seconded to have legal counsel send a letter to Gary and other members of the Foos family that there is to be no contact made of individuals council members or the mayor regarding city matters. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS1. Mayor Showalter made the following nominations for the yearly appointment of positions.

Debbie LeDoux – City Clerk  
Tony Rues – City Attorney  
Ness County News – Official newspaper  
Farmers Bank & Trust – Official Bank

Scott Corsair moved to accept the nominations, seconded by Jeff Werth. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Jeff Werth made a motion to appoint Mike Tyrell as Council President, seconded by Cindy Fuentes. Motion carried unanimously. Council President also sits on the Ness County Fire District #2-Bazine Board.

3. Council discussed 2025 budget information to send to CPA. No extra projects for 2025.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Jeff Werth made a motion to approve vouchers as presented, seconded by Cindy Fuentes. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER: Richard Hall shared work he has been doing. He thanked JR Steckline for his help while Debbie is recuperating from surgery.

ADJORNMENT: At 8:00 pm Jeff Werth moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cindy Fuentes. Motion carried unanimously.