

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
EITZEN CITY COUNCIL**

**April 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Eitzen City Council was called to order at 6:04 pm. Council members present were Mayor Jeffrey Adamson, Emily Burrichter, Doug Meyer, Mitch Lange and Mitch Luttchens. Also in attendance were City Maintenance Darryl Meyer, City Clerk Steve Schuldt, Charlene Corson-Selbee of the Filmore County News and Matt Schwartzhoff.

Minutes of the March 14, 2023 council meeting were reviewed. Doug Meyer moved, second by Mitch Luttchens and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

March financial statements were reviewed. Mitch Lange moved, second by Doug Meyer and the motion passed to approve the financial statements.

Mayor Adamson informed council that an estimate of \$25,000.00 was received from Bernau Concrete for 500 feet of sidewalk. Council by consensus agreed to seek pricing from Kaleb Schulte and Mike Thompson.

Mayor Adamson reported that a committee is preparing a materials list for the Community Center remodel.

Council discussed whether an ordinance is needed for regulating the sale of edible cannabis products and/or hemp derived THC food and beverages due to an inquiry from a downtown business. There being no city ordinance and no examples of a legitimate ordinance for the city to mimic, council agreed by consensus to not pursue the matter. The business will be informed to obey all state and federal regulations.

Mayor Adamson presented council with a proposal from Dakota Supply Group (DSG) to replace all existing water meters with remote readable meters. The new meters are more accurate and have leak detection capabilities. Mitch Luttchens calculated that the cost per customer for the new meters will be approximately \$2.39 monthly and will no longer require customers to physically read their meters each month. The new meters will be more accurate and eliminate low flowing water that is undetected and unbilled by current meters. It was also noted that the current meters are very old, resulting in failure. Following discussion, Doug Meyer moved, second by Mitch Luttchens and the motion passed to approve purchase of the new metering system.

Matt Schwartzhoff requested a building permit to construct a 22' X 52' garage addition to his house to replace an existing garage. Mr. Schwartzhoff will provide plans and a drawing, showing setbacks from adjoining properties.

Council reviewed and revised current utility rates. Revised utility rates are to take effect May 1, 2023.

**Energy Rates**

Residential service charge:	\$12.00 per month	
Three phase service charge:	\$30.00 per month	
Energy charge:	\$.1104 per KWH.	\$.1311 per KWH June, July & August

**Dual Fuel Service**

Charge for additional meter:	\$2.00 per month	
Energy charge	October-May \$.04872 per KW.	June-September \$.1067 per KWH

**Note:** The above rates will increase or decrease according to any wholesale rate changes from MiEnergy Co-op.

**Water Rates**

Non-Metered:	\$20.00 per month
Metered:	\$14.25 per month first 1,000 gallons (flat charge) plus .00535 per gallon over 1,000 gallons.
Bulk Water:	\$12.00 per 1000 gallons

**Sewer Rates**

Metered:	\$14.25 per month plus .00535 per gallon of water used after 1000 gallons.
Non-Metered:	\$20.00 per month

<b>TRASH/RECYCLING:</b>	\$18.50 per month (RSS bags no longer required) (Includes \$2.50 fuel surcharge)
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Council reviewed March claims payable. Mitch Luttchens moved, second by Emily Burrichter and the motion passed to approve the claims.

There being no further business, Emily Burrichter moved, second by Mitch Luttchens and the motion passed to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

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Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

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Jeffrey P. Adamson, Mayor