

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

September 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Eitzen City Council was called to order at 6:05 pm. Council members present were Mayor Jeffrey Adamson, Doug Meyer, Mitch Luttchens and Emily Burrichter. Also in attendance were City Maintenance Darryl Meyer, City Clerk Steve Schuldt and Charlene Corsen-Selbee with Fillmore County Journal.

Minutes of the August 9, 2023 council meeting were reviewed. Emily Burrichter moved, second by Mitch Lange and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

August financial statements were reviewed. Mitch Luttchens moved, second by Emily Burrichter and the motion passed to approve the financial statements.

Council was informed that an offer of \$6,500.00 annually to Kevin Kruse for rent of his land to operate wastewater pivot sprayers with a five year contract was declined. Mr. Kruse was adamant that based on increased land values, increased crop land rental rates and increased property taxes as well as the trend for increased wastewater, his offer of \$7,000.00 annually is fair and reasonable. Additionally, a 10 year term protects the city from further increases in the near future. Following discussion, Mitch Luttchens moved, second by Mitch Lange and the motion passed approve a new contract with Kevin Kruse at an annual rental rate of \$7,000.00 paid semi-annually.

Mayor Adamson informed council that the Habitat for Humanity house will be moved on Thursday, September 14 at approximately 9:30 am.

Mayor Adamson suggested that computers be replaced in the clerks office and the city maintenance office. Pricing is to be obtained for the next regular council meeting.

Council reviewed a budget proposal for 2024 with a proposed tax levy of \$126,000.00. It was noted that the proposed levy will result in a surplus of approximately \$7,872.00. Additionally, the city has sufficient cash reserves for a modest emergency. Council members will readdress the levy amount prior to certification in December. Mitch Luttchens moved, second by Emily Burrichter and the motion passed unanimously to approve the proposed levy of \$126,000.00.

Mayor Adamson presented council with a proposed Second Amendment Dedicated City Resolution. No action was taken.

Mayor Adamson expressed his thanks to Meyer Farms for their efforts in slowing down trucks traveling through the city while transporting manure.

Council reviewed claims payable for the month of August. Mitch Lange moved, second by Mitch Luttchens and the motion passed to approve all claims.

There being no further business, Doug Meyer moved, second by Emily Burrichter and the motion passed to adjourn at 6:35 pm.

Steve Schuldt, City Clerk

Jeffrey P. Adamson, Mayor