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DATE : September 5, 2023
TIME STARTED : 6:31 p.m.
TIME ENDED : 7:04p.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT : Councilmember Carr, Tufty, Rog, Giefer,
and Mayor Huber
MEMBERS ABSENT : None

Staff members present: City Attorney Christina Benson; City Treasurer, Sharon Schwarze and Administrator/Clerk, Kim Points

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

No one was present for public input.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SETTING THE AGENDA

Council Member Rog moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Council Member Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

August 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes	Approved
August 2023 Bill List, \$79,711.42	Approved
T.A. Schifsky, Aprons Project, \$106,965.00	Approved
City of Mahtomedi, 3 rd Quarter Fire, \$40,555.25	Approved

Council Member Giefer moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member Tufty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF AGENDA ITEMS

City Engineer, Brad Reifsteck (no action items)

1 **City Planner, Jennifer Swanson (no action items)**

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3 **City Attorney, Christina Benson (no action items)**

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5 **NEW BUSINESS**

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7 **Consideration of Comcast Cable Expansion Project Agreement** – Mayor Huber advised the City
8 has dedicated \$150,000 in Arpa Funds in conjunction with other funding and grant to expand
9 broadband within the City of Grant.

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11 **Council Member Giefer moved to approve Comcast Cable Expansion Project Agreement, as**
12 **presented. Council Member Rog seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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14 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-75, Electric Franchise Ordinance**– Staff advised the
15 current franchise agreement expires on December 1. Ordinance No. 2023-75 renews the agreement.

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17 **Council Member Rog moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-75, as presented. Council Member**
18 **Giefer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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20 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-76, Ordinance Implementing an Electric Service**
21 **Franchise Fee** – Staff advised Ordinance No. 2023-76 includes the franchise fee within the
22 agreement. Staff recommended no increase to the fee itself. The City is allowed to increase the
23 franchise fee one time per year.

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25 **Council Member Giefer moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-76, as presented. Council**
26 **Member Tufty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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28 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-77, Gas Franchise Fee** – Staff advised Ordinance No. 2023-
29 77 established a franchise fee agreement for gas services. The City does not currently have a
30 franchise fee for gas.

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32 **Council Member Rog moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-77, as presented. Council**
33 **Member Tufty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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35 **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2023-78, Ordinance Implementing a Gas Service Franchise Fee**
36 **– Staff advised Ordinance No. 2023-78 implements a gas service franchise that includes the fee.**
37 **Staff recommended the lowest fee available. The City is allowed to increase the franchise fee one**
38 **time per year.**

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40 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-22, Authorization for Summary Publication** – Staff
41 advised Resolution No. 2023-22 authorizes for the summary publication of above Ordinances.

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43 **Council Member Giefer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-22, as presented. Council**
44 **Member Rog seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 **Consideration of Resolution No. Resolution No. 2023-20, Preliminary 2024 Budget** – City
2 Treasurer Schwarze advised the City held two budget work sessions and set the preliminary 2024
3 budget at \$2,502,954.

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5 **Council Member Giefer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-20, as amended. Council Member**
6 **Rog seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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8 **Consideration of Resolution No. 2023-21, Preliminary 2024 Levy** – City Treasurer Schwarze
9 advised the 2024 levy includes a 3% increase as the City traditionally tries to keep levy increases at a
10 low level.

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12 **Council Member Rog moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-21, as presented. Council Member**
13 **Tufty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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15 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

16 There was no unfinished business.

17 **DISCUSSION ITEMS** (no action taken)

18 **Staff Updates (updates from Staff, no action taken)**

19 **City Council Reports/Future Agenda Items**

20 A budget work session was scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. prior to the
21 regular Council meeting.

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23 **COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023:**

24 **Mahtomedi Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, August 10th and August 24th, Mahtomedi**
25 **District Education Center, 7:00 p.m.**

26 **Stillwater Public Schools Board Meeting, Thursday, August 10th, Stillwater City Hall, 7:00**
27 **p.m.**

28 **Washington County Commissioners Meeting, Tuesdays, Government Center, 9:00 a.m.**

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30 **ADJOURNMENT**

31 **Council Member Giefer moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Council Member Tufty seconded the**
32 **motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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35 These minutes were considered and approved at the regular Council Meeting October 3, 2023.

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Kim Points, Administrator/Clerk

Jeff Huber, Mayor

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