**City of Allison Council Meeting**

**Monday, December 9th, 2024**

Regular Meeting:

Mayor Henrichs opened the regular meeting of the Allison City Council at 5:15 p.m. Council members present were Bangasser, Henning, Heuer, Stirling. Absent: Galey. Also present was Trent Stirling, Coby Bangasser, Chris Graser, Chip Schultz, Deb McWhirter, Joe Conlon, Mark Bangasser, Colton Dinsdale, City engineer Zeb Stanbrough, and Lisa Cassmann. Henning made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Bangasser. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Open Forum:

Joe Conlon provided a couple updates to the Council regarding the Park. Clay Cordes has finished adding sewer to sites 15-28 and ended up adding two additional sites. He also let us know that Public Works has been bringing the requested rock in so that they can do general maintenance to the sites.

Galey entered the meeting at 5:19p.m.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Bangasser with a second by Heuer to approve the consent agenda which was as follows:

Approve Minutes from meeting on 11/25/2024.

Approve Treasurers Report.

Ayes: Bangasser, Galey, Henning, Heuer. Nays: Stirling. Motion Carried.

Mike Stirling made a request to amend the minutes from the previous meeting 11/25/24 to include the following:

Motion by Galey with a second by Bangasser to go with AMI Collector meters and to have Neptune install for $311,868.00 under a 10-year funding plan. Ayes: Bangasser, Galey. Nays: Henning, Heuer, Stirling. Motion Failed.

Motion by Henning to go with AMR (drive-by meters) and to have Neptune install them. Motion failed due to a lack of a second motion.

New Business:

City Engineer Zeb Stanbrough, representing Clapsaddle Garber came and presented the Bids to the Council. There were three companies who bid on the 2025 street project which were Heartland Asphalt Inc., Blacktop Service Co., and Baker Enterprises, Inc. Heartland came in with the lowest bid on all three divisions with a grand total of $388,764.64. Blacktop Service Co. came in with a total of $415,873.80 for the divisions, and Baker Enterprises, Inc. came in at a total of $416,324.50 for the divisions. At this time, Council made the decision to approve Heartland Asphalt Inc. for the upcoming street project as they came in with the lowest bid but will wait to decide if all divisions will be done or which divisions will be completed at the next council meeting on December 23rd, 2024.

Motion by Bangasser with a second by Galey to award the bid to Heartland Asphalt Inc. and decide on divisions at a later date. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Colton Dinsdale representing Ferguson Water Works came to the Council meeting to answer any questions that the Council or public had regarding Neptune water meters. With the AMI Collector meters being approved at the last council meeting on November 25th, 2024, the next decision that needed to be made was whether they would like to go with the indoor mach10, or the outdoor mach10. Colton stated that the indoor mach10 might work with majority of the reads from the collector on the water tower, but with the antenna on the water tower, it is recommended that the outdoor mach10 meter would be better to ensure that the antenna catches all the reads. Colton stated the city could choose to go with the indoor mach10 meter, but it could require a second collector being added to the tower which would increase the price. With this information, Galey made a motion to move forward with the outdoor mach10 meters.

Motion by Galey with a second by Bangasser to approve going forward with the outdoor mach10 meters for the AMI collectors. Ayes: Bangasser, Galey, Heuer. Nays: Henning, Stirling. Motion Carried.

Council member Bangasser made a request to include in the minutes some clarifications on water meters.

1. The accuracy of the current water meters that are in resident homes at this time. The council has sought expert advice on this previously and Colton reiterated at the meeting that there can be 2-3% water loss per year depending on the age of the meter. The older the meter, the more water loss we could be experiencing. If a water meter is 30+ years old, there could be as much as 15-20% water loss occurring. To look further into this, City Council member Jon Heuer is going to turn in his water meter which has been in their house for 38 years to Ferguson Neptune to have them send it to a third-party testing facility to have it tested to see how far off the meter is on the read. Colton stated that once this is sent off to the third party, we should have an answer within a few days.
2. Another clarification is where the money will come from for the water meters. The money for the water meters is coming from water revenue which can only be spent on water/water projects and cannot be spent on anything else. The City is working with Chip Schultz from Northland Securities who is the financial adviser for the City to see how funds can be spent without raising the water bills. It was also noted that since this is a water revenue project, it does not count against the city debt limit like general obligation debt loans do. We can not use water revenue for street projects.
3. The topic of purchasing new water meters has been discussed for about a year and half. This is not a topic that has been quickly decided on.
4. The council has only been aware of inaccurate readings with the school water meter for a few months; once they were made aware, actions were taken.
5. The council understands that there are several city entities that are not currently metered and are also taking steps to meter those entities to account for all water consumption.
6. This new system that we will be purchasing will send automatic readings to the software at City Hall every hour with alerts being sent for any unusual water usage which could indicate a leak. This will allow City Hall to contact the resident prior to a large water bill in the event there is a leak. Additionally, it will help the City avoid costly water consumption issues that have occurred previously with local businesses.

The next item discussed was the installation of the water meters. Wix Water Works in town has expressed interest in installing the water meters for the city. The Mayor, Scot Henrichs, has talked to Robert Wix and Wix is estimating the cost for them to install to be around $30,000.00. Whereas Ferguson Neptunes proposed cost was around $87,000.00. The Council took no action on installation at this time as they would like more information from Wix Water Works before making a decision. The installation decision is planned to be made at the next Council meeting on December 23rd, 2024.

Regarding the new telephone system at City Hall, City Clerk, Alexis Wiegmann, let the Council know that the Airport does not have internet, so it was decided that the Airport will keep the phone that is out there through Dumont Telephone. Additionally, the Library Board expressed some concerns with the new phone system, and it was decided based on their concerns, the library will remain with Dumont Telephone service.

Motion by Bangasser with a second by Henning to approve the Airport and Library staying through Dumont Telephone for their phones. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

City Clerk, Alexis Wiegmann, discussed with Council a timeline for City Hall to move to the old medical center. It was decided that we will work to move over to the old medical center with Public Works as soon as possible. More information will come as it becomes available. The Council also discussed moving Council meetings to the Community Room at the Library and decided that it would be a good fit for Council meetings with the extra room.

Motion by Galey with a second by Bangasser to approve moving City Hall to the old Medical Center at 502 Locust St. and to have Council meetings in the Community Room at the Library. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The bill from K & M Enterprises was discussed with the Council for curb and gutter.

Motion by Henning with a second by Heuer to pay the updated bill. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bangasser with a second by Galey to approve the Bond Council engagement agreement for the issuance of not to exceed $336,000 water revenue capital loan notes, series 2025B for the water meter project. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bangasser with a second by Heuer to approve the Bond Council engagement agreement for the issuance of not to exceed $220,000 GO Capital loan notes, series 2025A for the Fire Truck. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Heuer with a second by Bangasser to approve Resolution #24-12.1 – Resolution fixing the set date of December 23rd, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., for a meeting on the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed $336,000 water revenue capital loan notes of the City of Allison, State of Iowa, and providing for publication of notice thereof. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Galey with a second by Stirling to approve Resolution #24-12.2 – Resolution fixing the set date of December 23rd, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., for a meeting on the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed $220,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes of the City of Allison, State of Iowa (for essential corporate purposes), and providing for publication of notice thereof. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Heuer with a second by Henning to approve Resolution #24-12.3 – Resolution approving pay application #15 from Boomerang in the amount of $188,622.50 for the Lagoon project. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

No Action was taken at this time.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bangasser with a second by Galey to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Scot Henrichs - Mayor

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Attest: Alexis Wiegmann – City Clerk