

Glenwood City Council Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

City Council met for committee meetings on Tues, 11.14.23 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers prior to the City Council meeting.

Present: Council Members Laurie Smithers, Jeremy Rodman, Holly Jackson, Dan McComb & Donnie Kates; City Employees: Tara Painter, Fire Chief Gray, PD Chief Johansen, Jamey Clark, Amber Farnan; Guests: Assured Partners Eric Willis, Group Benefits LTD Trevor Bingham.

Committee meetings are open to the public and are informational only. No action is taken, but a quorum is usually present. Action, if any, will be taken during the Council Meeting following the committee meetings or at another scheduled council meeting.

Health insurance options and agency services were discussed by both Eric Willis w/Assured Partners & Trevor Bingham w/Group Benefits, LTD. The City's current plan is with Wellmark and is managed by Group Benefits, LTD.

Options for Renewal

- Continue working with Group Benefits, LTD or move to Assured Partners
- Keep current Wellmark plan with 4.31% increase beginning Jan. 1, 2024 or change to a partially self funded plan (which could lead to reopening the union contract).
- Both Group Benefits & Assured Partners can administer the current plan or a new plan.

No discussion on the FY25 budget due to time constraints.

Meeting ended at 7:01pm

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Glenwood City Council met in regular session on Tues, 11.14.2023 at 7:01 pm in Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Dan McComb called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Laurie Smithers, Dan McComb, Holly Jackson, Jeremy Rodman & Donnie Kates. City employees: Fire Chief Gray, Jamey Clark, Chief Johansen, Amber Farnan & Tara Painter; Guests: Joe Foreman, Brad Oliver, Len Nieland, Eric Willis, Trevor Bingham, Jim Hughes, Hannah Swanson & Lindsay Grace; Virtual: Aaron Ling, Bob Wray, Grace Garrett & Richard (no last name given). Mayor Kohn was absent.

Motion-Kates/2nd-Smithers to approve the consent agenda: Agenda, Abstract of Claims #9, Minutes of the 10.24.23 meeting & 11.1.23 special meeting, liquor license renewals for Casey's General Store #3770 & Fraternal Order of Eagles #3784, and Resolutions: #3653 Obligating TIF Funds for Oak Ridge Park for FY25 in the amount of \$41,736.04, #3654 Obligating TIF Funds for Burr Oak Place for FY25 in the amount of \$46,650.07, #3655 Obligating TIF Funds for Maplewood for FY24 in the amount of \$41,021.43, #3656 Obligating TIF Funds for Maplewood for FY25 in the amount of \$85,530.42; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Brittany Borchert was unable to attend meeting, rescheduled for 11.28.23 to discuss pet pigs within city limits

Oaths for newly elected council members were postponed due to scheduling conflicts

Motion-Jackson/2nd-Kates to approve purchase of replacement bucket for play feature from Commercial Recreation Specialists in the amount of \$14,332.00 to be paid with LOST funds; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Motion-Smithers/2nd-Kates to approve Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$2,227.44, adding bridge repairs and removing construction surveys for the Mills County Trails bridge placement project; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Admin Farnan discussed two grants the city received to rehab 3 existing AED's for placement at the city rec fields and the lil' Ram's field; batteries, pads, wall mounted boxes & signs are being purchased with grant funds from Jennie Edmundson Foundation - \$1,190.91 & Mills County Community Foundation - \$2,500

Motion-Smithers/2nd-Kates to award bid of the Fairview Creek Stabilization project to Kerns Excavating in the amount of \$183,088.80; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Bids were received from: Kerns Excavating \$183,088.80, Leick Construction \$225,370.90, Neuvirth's Construction \$445,195.75, Pruett Grading \$194,143.60, VRBA Construction \$263,432.80, United Contractors \$189,310.00

Jake Zimmerer w/Eagle Engineering & Admin Farnan discussed funding options, including use of ARPA Funds or possible essential purpose GO Bond. Discussed Red Bud Ave, Chestnut St ROW, East Florence, PD parking lot, aquatic center, addn street repairs. Zimmerer, Clark & Farnan will create a list of possible GO Bond uses for Council

Council reports on committee meetings held prior to the Council meeting

Smithers reported for Budget & Finance - met with Assured Partners & Group Benefits LTD to discuss health insurance options, possible change in agent of record from Group Benefits, LTD to Assured Partners will be discussed at 11.28.23 mtg, FY25 budget discussion postponed until 11.28.23 mtg

Motion-Smithers/2nd-Jackson to approve the current health insurance renewal at 4.31% increase; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Departmental Reports

Public Works Director Jamey Clark - Fire Dpt assisted in placing lights on tree; street sweeper has been busy

Motion-Jackson/2nd-Kates to approve Resolution 3657 outlining Public Works snow removal policy; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Police Chief Johansen - Officer Kameron secured a \$10,000 grant from BNSF Railroad for purchase of drones, Verkada Camera reps Hannah Swanson & Lindsay Grace gave a brief demo of their camera system, demo camera being installed at PD to monitor Sharp St, cameras have license plate readers & capture movement of vehicles/persons on street

Motion-Kates/2nd-Smithers to approve purchase of 3 drones and equipment from HTS Ag for \$9,994.78 using grant funds; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Fire Chief Gray - 80 calls since last meeting 37 were medical, Med2 back in service, attended EMS conference last week, reported PJ Fire Dept members resigned last week, Glenwood will be paged for all calls in PJ & surrounding townships, working on 28E agreements and fee schedule, received Mills County Community Foundation grant for \$2800 to upgrade thermal imaging equipment

Motion-Jackson/2nd-Kates to approve new volunteer firefighter Kyle Jorgensen; Ayes- 4 Nays- 0 Smithers Abstained motion carried

Library Director Tara Painter - Received \$1500 from Lion's Club for large print books, library vestibule (ADA entrance) was hit by car - claim has been filed

City Admin Farnan - attending budget workshop in Des Moines

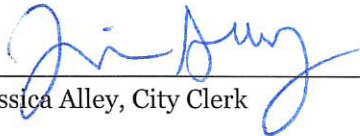
Motion-Jackson/2nd-Kates to approve hiring of full-time administrative assistant beginning at \$20/hour; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Motion-Smithers/2nd-Jackson to approve fiber installation cost share agreement with Mills County; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried
Mills County has partnered with Western Iowa Networks to install fiber throughout the County, the County & City will each contribute \$250,000 of ARPA Funds to bring fiber into city limits

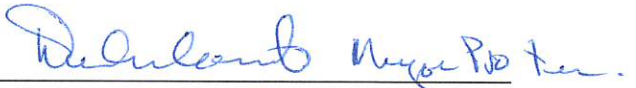
Motion-Kates/2nd-Jackson to approve the following CDBG projects pass thru funds pay requests: Arbor Hills #7 - 19-DRH-018 for \$48,288.60; 712 Lofts #8 - 19-DRH-001 for \$11,040.00; 306 N. Locust St #8 & #9 - 19-DRH-006 for \$10,135.54 & \$12,565.04; 308 N Hazel #6 - 19-DRH-002 for \$25,487.38; 210 Valley #9 & #10 - 19-DRH-005 for \$8,270.17 & \$2,365.47; 408 N Myrtle #10 & #11 - 19-DRH-004 for \$15,901.98 & \$10,442.52, 1001 N Linn #9 & #10 - 19-DRH-007 - for \$11,047.35 & \$962.86; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 motion carried

Motion-Kates/2nd-Smithers to adjourn meeting at 8:50pm; Ayes- 5 Nays- 0 meeting adjourned

Attest:



Jessica Alley, City Clerk



Mayor *pro tem* Dan McComb

