

WYNDMERE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Wyndmere City Council held their regular meeting at City Hall on June 5, 2023.

Members present: Mayor Brandt; Councilmen – Phalen, Hetland, Kuchera; Absent – Anderson; Superintendent – Utker; Auditor – Anderson; City Engineer – Kuper arrived at 7:28 PM.
Community Members: Ed Anderson left at 8:27 PM, Danica Sinner

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of Minutes & Special Meeting – Motion by Hetland to approve second by Phalen. MC

Approval of Bills – Motion by Phalen to approve, second by Hetland. MC

Auditor Report – Overdue water bills and financials were discussed. 2022 Consumer Confidence Report was received back and copy submitted to the state, county, posted on the website. Per Senate Bill 2180, audits are no longer required to be submitted to the state if annual receipts are less than \$2,000,000. Gaming Site Authorizations were approved for the Tilted Tap Tavern. Update was received from the Attorney General concerning the Gaming Division. Received the deeds from the County for the properties at 341 3rd street and 640 6th street that the City purchased. Had budget training on May 23 from Midwest Assistance and SAM training on May 25 on a federal program which requires a yearly report. Will send out abatement letters for dead trees and cars to be removed from properties.

Superintendent Report – Backflow installed in shop per state instruction; all 3 grease traps have been installed (Andersons, Beyond Ice Cream, Black Pelican); removed both snow plow blades; water turned on at Gateway and Rock Garden; new sprayer tank on the Ranger; did locates for school on issue with fuel tank leak; unplugged sanitary sewer at lift station; rollofs were here for cleanup; Jetway cleaned the north lift station; issue with pumps kicking out with too much rain runoff for the sanitary lift station and had Ben Busch to help and the fire department blew out the lines to the lagoons; more ground wire was installed at the retention pond; sprayed dandelions at the new development; sprayed for mosquitos a couple of times in town and at the landfill; did a transfer at the lagoons; changed spark plugs at the sanitary lift station due to it running to rich. Will be looking and checking on putting new stand on First Street for mailboxes.

Old Business – Schmit Acres – council reviewed and discussed the layout, how to finance. Mayor will discuss further with Grant.

New Business - Motion by Hetland to approve the preliminary budget, second by Kuchera. MC Motion by Phalen to pay \$36,183.16 extra on the Water System Improvement loan for a total annual payment of \$100,000, second by Hetland. MC Motion by Phalen to pay \$50,000 extra on the Storm Sewer loan, second by Kuchera. MC The City Tree Program will spend up to \$500 and will reimburse a resident a one time payment of \$50 for the purchase of a tree or trees that you plant in your yard. A copy of the tree receipt is required for proof of purchase.

Resolution 147 (City Mowing Lots) will be updated to reflect the new fee that will be charged.
Motion by Phalen to approve the building permits for Ed Anderson, Linda Haberman, and Aaron Bell, second by Hetland. MC AYE – Phalen, Kuchera; NAY – Hetland

Other Business – Engineer report – Discussed Prairie Dog Funds, has to be spent on infrastructure. Discussed the lift stations. Daycare committee is looking at purchasing property.

Motion by Kuchera to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM, second by Hetland. MC

Next Meeting - July 10, 2023 at 7 PM