

and they plan to start right away.

During citizen input Councilmember Carpenter expressed appreciation for the Police Department and Officer Peck helping with a lost child. He commended Officer Peck for his professionalism and genuine caring.

The Quality Based Selection (QBS) of engineering firms was discussed at length. Representatives of two engineering firms were in attendance and offered advice and support for following the QBS guidelines to prequalify engineers. The Council agreed they wanted to go through the appropriate process to evaluate and create a roster of prequalified engineers.

The Council and Staff discussed at length how to move forward with the city-wide pressure reducing valve (PRV) project. All agreed it was a priority and very important but will need to figure out how to fund the \$2.5 million project. The project will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Police Department wage request was revisited. The request from Chief Shaw is to increase wages enough to attract new hires and retain current officers. It will also lower overtime costs if the Department can stay fully staffed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve the wage increases as requested by Chief Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Worthington. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Vorwaller presented the records retention policy and schedule for review and approval. Councilmember Hart moved to approve Resolution 2023-1, seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. All in favor, motion carried.

The utility rate increases as proposed and approved with the budget were reviewed. Councilmember Gambles moved to approve resolutions 2023-2 a 3% power rate increase, 2023-3 a 5% sewer rate increase and 2023-4 a 5% water rate increase. Councilmember Hart seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the Planning & Zoning (P & Z) Commissions recommendation to approve Broulim's Ace Hardware request to place a permanent storage container. Councilmember Hart, based on the P & Z's recommendation moved to approve the 40ft shipping container be placed permanently contingent on being brought up to city code. Councilmember Gambles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Engineer Skinner reported the City has been awarded a US Dept. of Ag/Forest Service grant for \$500,000. The grant requires a match of \$500,000 to develop the wetlands south of the gravel pit. The grant is a three-year program, 1st year engineering, 2nd & 3rd years construction. Engineer Skinner noted the grant was submitted with the hope that Nutrien will partner with the City in the development and form a citizen group to design possible trails, picnic areas, ski trails, etc. He will be back with more information on the details. The Council discussed utilities in the area, benefits of acquiring the land that comes with 4.88

cubic feet per second (cfs) of water rights and ideas for the development. The Council suggested Director Hansen be involved and help provide vision.

Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve entering into executive session pursuant to I.C. 74-206(1)(f) to communicate with legal counsel regarding probable litigation. Councilmember Worthington seconded the motion. A roll call showed the following vote:

Those voting aye:	Mitch Hart	Those voting nay:	none
	Scott Gambles		
	Rod Worthington	Absent:	none
	Ryan Carpenter		

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Carpenter moved to exit executive session, seconded by Councilmember Worthington. All in favor, motion carried.

Due to a delay in the publishing for a public hearing regarding a requested zone change Councilmember Worthington, seconded by Councilmember Hart approved a letter be submitted to the developer conditionally approving the zone changes based on the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning and if there are no objections when the public hearing is held on Oct. 18th, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

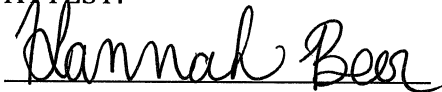
Councilmember Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm, seconded by Councilmember Gambles. All in favor, motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THIS 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.



Austin W. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Beer, Clerk-Treasurer