

**Minutes
Avon City Council
July 11, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Jeff Manthe – Mayor, Katie Reiling, Aaron Goebel, Doug Schaefer – City Councilors
Corey Nellis – Chief of Police, Chad Klocker and Landon Gudim – Police Officers, Justin Kurtz – Water Wastewater Foreman
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk-Administrator

Mayor Manthe called the Avon City Council meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of June 6, 2022
2. Receive Fire Department Minutes of May 2022
3. Paid Check Register, Manual Claims, Capital Expenditures, Payroll Deposits, Quarterlies (email only)
4. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees
5. Resolution 2022-22 Accepting Donations for Pickleball Improvements
6. Receive TIF Management Letter
7. Addition: AALA Request for City to Pay Freshwater Scientific Services Invoice for Milfoil Delineation \$2,400

Motion Aaron Goebel to approve consent agenda second Doug Schaefer and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Streets/Stormwater – Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer, presented data dealing with stormwater drainage patterns throughout several areas of the city. Mathiasen suggested that the city consider taking a look at groundwater levels in the area of First Street SE to try to determine whether it is possible to gain some additional stormwater storage capacity or to get stormwater to move to the north. Stormwater pipe at the Graham residence (403 Chinook Ave SW) is located under a section of her porch. The city council would like to consider including additional drainage correction as part of the upcoming street project. Mathiasen will draft a proposal and make some calls to property owners who would be affected to see about obtaining necessary easements.

WSB – Pay Application #4 FINAL for Knife River \$18,669.99 (Suncrest Street Improvement of 2021)

Motion Doug Schaefer to authorize final payment to Knife River for \$18,669.99 for Suncrest Street Improvements of 2021 second Katie Reiling and carried.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Councilman Meyer Audit/Legal Issues

Mayor Manthe requested that the final cost to the city related to the allegations made by Councilman Meyer, his attorney, and his auditing firm would be entered into the record. The direct cost to the city for legal and audit work to dispel the claims was \$10,062.50. Kathy's time is estimated at \$1,635 and Jodi's time is estimated at \$1,053 for a total cost of \$12,750.50. Mayor Manthe and the council thanked administrative staff again for their effort throughout the process and their dedication to the city as a whole and further thanked them for their exemplary work.

Public Works:

Written report was presented. Public Works requested approval of the following:

USA Bluebook Spectrometer: \$6,134.92 (for chlorine, fluoride, Ph testing)

Granite Water Works: \$1,670.24 (Hydrant heads, repair & extension kits)

WW Goetsch: \$2,894.00 (Avon Estates lift station check valve & install)

Motion Aaron Goebel to approve all three invoices as presented, second Katie Reiling and carried unanimously.

Midwest Asphalt \$8,647 (crack seal / patch)

Motion Katie Reiling to authorize Midwest Asphalt to complete crack seal / patch second Doug Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Kurtz presented several quotes for sand filter pump at the wastewater treatment plant. Request for approval to authorize Electric Pump Invoice for \$8,189 plus freight for new Sand Filter Pump.

Motion Aaron Goebel to authorize the purchase of a new sand filter pump, second Doug Schaefer and carried unanimously.

Police Department

Chief Nellis presented his written report. Nellis stated that he has secured a donation of \$10,000 for body cameras. The cost of cameras is estimated at around \$22,000 but could be more as costs continue to climb. Nellis requested up to \$10,000 from the city's reserves to go toward the purchase of body cameras.

Motion Jeff Manthe to authorize up to \$10,000 from the general fund reserves to allocate toward body cameras for the Police Department and to thank the Avon Lions Club and for their support of the Police Department second Katie Reiling and carried unanimously.

Fire Department

Chuck Swenson, Assistant Chief of the Avon Fire Department, gave an update on the Fire Hall Expansion project. WSN has been authorized to start moving forward with the project. Staff will meet with WSN on Wednesday to begin the process of design and surveying. Jason Murray of David Drown Associates prepared a sample bond payment schedule to give an idea of what a repayment schedule might look like for this project.

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Councilor Reiling stated that the Senior Citizen group would like to host a garage sale at the Wobegon Park as a fundraiser toward the community center.

Chief Nellis stated that National Night Out will occur on Tuesday, August 2nd at the Wobegon Park.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:25 pm by Motion of Aaron Goebel, second Doug Schaefer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut
City Clerk/Administrator