

**OSSEO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Juliana Hultstrom called the regular meeting of the Osseo City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilmembers Juliana Hultstrom, Ashlee Mueller, Mark Schulz, and Alicia Vickerman.

Members absent: Mayor Duane Poppe.

Staff present: City Administrator Riley Grams and City Attorney Joseph Sathe.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hultstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA [Additions - Deletions]

Hultstrom asked for additions or deletions to the Agenda.

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Mueller, to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve September 25 Work Session Minutes
- B. Approve September 25 Council Minutes
- C. Approve Hire of Ed Columbus and Kim Klocek for Public Works Winter Seasonal Position
- D. Receive August Hockey Association Gambling Report
- E. Approve Fighters Foundation Gateway Sign Fee Waiver
- F. Approve 150th Celebration Planning Committee Community Center Rental Fee Waiver

A motion was made by Vickerman, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 4-0.

6. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR – None

7. SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Hultstrom read a proclamation in full for the record declaring October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Osseo.

B. ACCEPT DONATIONS

Grams stated the City has received the following donations:

| Donor | Amount/Item | Designated Fund |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
| City-County Insurance Agency | \$250 | MiniDazzle |
| Dick's Bar & Grill | \$250 | MiniDazzle |
| Eldon Tessman <i>(In Memory of Barry Anderson)</i> | \$50 | Fire |
| Roxanne Current <i>(In Memory of Barry Anderson)</i> | \$25 | Fire |

Staff recommended the Council accept the donations.

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Vickerman, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-48, accepting a donation from City-County Insurance Agency, Dick's Bar & Grill, Eldon Tessman, and Roxanne Current. The motion carried 4-0.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF MAYOR/COUNCIL PAY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Grams stated at the September 25 meeting, the Council reviewed amended language for the Mayor and City Council pay ordinance. The Council approved the first reading at that meeting, setting the Mayor annual pay at \$5,600, and the City Council annual pay at \$4,500 beginning in 2024. The Council also reviewed the change to an odd year review. The City Council should consider approving this second reading and final adoption of the updated Mayor and City Council pay ordinance.

City Attorney Joseph Sathe commented on the minor updates that was made to Item C, noting the proposed changes brought the Ordinance in alignment with State law.

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Second Reading and adoption of the City Council Pay Ordinance and set the Mayor annual pay at \$5,600 and the City Council annual pay at \$4,500. The motion carried 4-0.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPOINT COUNCIL CANNABIS SALES COMMITTEE

Grams stated from time to time, the City has created ad hoc committees to assist Staff with various projects. At the September 25 work session, the Council requested that a committee of two Councilmembers be created to assist Staff with exploring municipal cannabis sales. This committee would be tasked with assisting in the fact finding, exploration, and process to institute municipal cannabis sales along with Staff members.

Schulz stated he would be happy to serve on this committee.

Hultstrom indicated she would also be happy to serve on this committee.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Vickerman, to appoint Councilmember Mark Schulz and Councilmember Juliana Hultstrom to the City Cannabis Sales Committee. The motion carried 4-0.

B. DISCUSS 33 2ND STREET NE

Grams stated the property located at 33 2nd Street NE, the former Osseo Press building, is currently for sale. In the past, the City has had discussions regarding the purchase of commercial properties in its downtown commercial area for a variety of reasons. With this property now up for sale, the Council should discuss potential opportunities with this property.

Schulz commented he alerted Staff and the Mayor about this property (33 2nd Street NE) being for sale. He believed it would benefit the City to pursue this property because it would assist with creating the best possible use for this property and the replacement of this structure. He commented on how this building would provide the City with options should the Council want to pursue cannabis sales. He supported the City acquiring this property in order to provide the City more options in the future. He recommended an appraisal be completed on this property to assist with moving the sale of the property forward.

Vickerman agreed with this recommendation and noted she supported the purchase of the property at 33 2nd Street NE.

Mueller indicated she supported the purchase of this property as well.

Hultstrom also supported the purchase of this property. She commented on how this property would provide the City options as it works to redevelop City Hall and Boerboom Park.

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Mueller, to direct Staff to move forward with the purchase of the property at 33 2nd Street NE and that an appraisal be completed on this property. The motion carried 4-0.

C. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Grams reviewed the Accounts Payable with the Council.

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Accounts Payable as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

11. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – None

12. COUNCIL AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

Schulz commented the EDA met prior to this meeting and discussed possible ways to pick up support for local small businesses.

Hultstrom thanked the Public Works Department for putting up the purple lights display on City property in honor of domestic violence month.

Hultstrom commented on an essay contest the League of Minnesota Cities was sponsoring for 4th, 5th and 6th graders that would allow them to be Mayor for the Day.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hultstrom reported the Lions Halloween Boo Tour would be held on Saturday, October 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of the Osseo Fire Station. The trick or treating fun will continue up and down Central Avenue at participating local businesses until 12:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Schulz, seconded by Mueller, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Guenther
Minute Maker Secretarial