

December 28, 2020
City Council Meeting Minutes

The December 28, 2020 Regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Staner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then Delaney, Rausch, Hosch, Kelchen and Knepper answered roll call. Knepper attended via phone.

A motion was made by Rausch, second by Kelchen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No speakers addressed the Council.

Council reviewed the items in the consent agenda including City Council minutes 12/14/20, Personnel Committee minutes 12/16/20. Motion by Kelchen, second by Rausch to approve the items in the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed hiring a new police officer. Interviews were held on December 16th. Following the interviews, the personnel committee made their recommendation to offer the police officer position to Brad Staner. Wages and vacation were also discussed. Since Brad is a Loras graduate with a Criminal Justice degree he only has to attend the 8-week academy at Hawkeye Community College. Brad has worked for Jackson County for 10 years. Motion by Rausch, second by Delaney to approve hiring Brad Staner for the police officer position with a starting wage of \$24 per hour with a \$1 an hour increase once he completes the Police Academy and 1-week vacation upon starting and then 2 weeks after his first year of employment. Motion carried unanimously.

Council received a report from the Police Chief and City Administrator. The Police Chief briefly mentioned that with the impending forecast that a snow emergency may be issued and no cars can be on the streets during this time. Also, a reminder that fire hydrants must be cleaned out and that snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of the last snow accumulation. The City Administrator provided a report containing information that mobilization for the levee project has been pushed back to mid-January and may be delayed further and that sewer mains were cleaned out last week.

With no other business, Delaney moved and Kelchen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:12p.m. Motion carried.