

AERHARD CITY COIUNCIL AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2023
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, 506 MAIN STREET

Call to Order 5:35pm

Roll Call - Present: Gary Stadum, Richard Bratlien, Gene Nygaard, Marty Dee Carlson, Chad Ravenscraft, LaFaye Thompson and Sarah Ehlers

Pledge of Allegiance was said

Approvals:

Agenda – Motion to approve by Gene, second by Marty – motion carried

Minutes – Motion to approve by Richard, second by Chad – motion carried

Accounts Payable – Motion to approve by Gene, second by Richard – motion carried

Treasurers report – Motion to approve by Marty, second by Gene – motion carried

Notices and Communications – Approval was given for Sarah Ehlers to have access to the MN Unemployment Insurance website and all necessary information was provided for the application.

Old Business:

Old Town Hall building – Gary is waiting for a quote for the replacement of the door.

Warming house – The sand point was driven in for water. There is a suitable pump available locally which can be installed once we get power hooked up. The walls are complete and door installed.

Movement of funds to investment fund – After discussion, Marty made a motion to move 10,000 from checking to an interest bearing savings account. Second to the motion by Chad. Motion carried.

Electrical franchise fees – There was continued discussion about creating an ordinance that will allow the city to charge franchise fees to Erhard residents electrical bills. Other cities are charging these fees as a substitute for special assessments. An example ordinance was distributed for review. It was noted that the 5% increase in property tax we proposed for this year will not be sufficient to cover maintenance on the sidewalks, paved streets and other improvements that have been and will be done within the next few years. After further discussion, it was decided that public input should be sought before taking any action.

New Business:

State Programs for housing – There are funds available for small cities to increase housing. Gary has been in discussions with the county to see if Erhard may be able to help local builders/land owners to take advantage of the programs. Funds may also be available to fix rental properties within the city. There is a meeting jointly with the county on Dec 12th concerning this program.

Other new business was the use of Ouren's skid steer to aid in brush/tree removal on the west side of Lake Side Ave. Brush was removed by Chad so that the ditch can be mowed in the future. A request was made to give \$150.00 to Eugene Ouren for the use of his skid steer. A motion was made by Richard to do so, seconded by Chad – motion carried.

Adjourn 6:16 Motion by Gene, second by Chard – motion carried.