

ARHARD CITY COIUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2023
5:30 P.M. CITY HALL, 506 MAIN STREET

Call to Order 5:30pm

Roll Call – Present: Richard Bratlien, Gene Nygaard, Marty Dee Carlson, (Councilmen), LaFaye Thompson (Treasurer), and Sarah Ehlers (Clerk). Chad Ravenscraft (Councilman) was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was said

Approvals:

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

Minutes – Motion to approve by Gene, seconded by Richard – motion carried

Accounts Payable – Motion to approve by Gene, seconded by Marty – motion carried

Treasurers report – Motion to approve by Richard, seconded by Gene – motion carried

Notices and Communications:

- Message received from the county highway department concerning the signs for the community park. We will be moving forward to obtain a bid for inclusion with the city order in the spring.
- Letter received from Ballard’s Sanitation concerning the date and items that will be accepted for the citywide cleanup in spring of 2024. The date will be Wednesday, April 17th.
- Communication concerning the upcoming training for election judges was received from the county. Training will be February 13th and 23rd. We will need to recruit for at least two judges. Pay will be \$15.00 per hour.

Old Business:

Old Town Hall building – update on door – We will table the plans until spring 2024.

Warming house/Ice rink – progress report – The wall is in as well as one bench. The building is encased and a heater is in. The sand point is in and is now in need of priming. This will be done soon. Also, lights are on the way.

Electrical franchise fees – This item is tabled so that public input can be sought before more discussion.

State Programs for housing – There is a meeting at 4:00 at City Hall on Tuesday, Dec 12th for a presentation from the county concerning improvement/renovation of existing rental housing and 5:00 at City Hall concerning new housing.

Citywide cleanup day – Gary proposed we send a letter to each household in the city providing the date as well and the list of acceptable and unacceptable items. There was general agreement. See communications for additional information.

New Business:

Final approval of the 2024 Budget – A motion to accept with budget as presented was made by Gene and seconded by Marty. – motion carried.

A motion to finalize the tax levy increase of 5% (as proposed in October) was made by Richard and seconded by Marty – motion carried.

Renewal of Liquor License for Hillbillies was approved unanimously by all council members present.

Other business – Gary commented on how Santa Day was a success. Marty added that there were 49 children in attendance, crafts were enjoyed as well as snacks and hot chocolate. There were also positive comments about the new decorations at the event.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gene and seconded by Mary – motion carried. 6:17 pm.

Sarah Ehlers
City Clerk