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Mayor: Lori Warne * City Administrator: Tammy Hansen

Minutes

September 11, 2023

The meeting of the Newfolden City Council was called to order by Mayor Lori Warne at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 2023.

Present: Darin Jacobson Lori Warne Melissa Bjorgaard Adam Gast
Absent: Mark Augustine

- 1) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the September 11th agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.*
- 2) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the September 11th Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilmember Bjorgaars and carried.*
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - a. Fire Department:
 - b. Park and Recreation:
 - c. Infrastructure:
 - d. Budget:
 - e. Public Works:
- 4) Jeff Lund approached the council regarding the damaged Radar Speed sign and other potential alternatives for reducing the speed of east-bound traffic. The council and school board will work together to create a School-Zone with reduced traffic and will also research lighted signs that encourage speed reduction. Reducing speed of west-bound traffic, on Newfolden's east side, was also prioritized. Options will be discussed at the next council meeting.
- 5) *The council discussed a complaint received regarding the Roger Garfve property and debris that is accumulating in the side and rear yard areas. Efforts have been made to organize the debris on and inside of trailers. Motion by Councilmember Gast to hand deliver or post a letter recognizing these efforts and asking for the debris scattered in grass and along buildings to be further addressed to reduce the harboring of snakes and rodents, etc. Motion seconded by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*
- 6) *Motion by Councilmember Bjorgaard to approve the re-hiring of David Schoon through the Vocational Rehab Services program. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.*
- 7) The council discussed information provided by Ryan Larson, Marshall County Assessor. An error was discovered at the state level, which over-valued the railroad track-miles for the City of Newfolden by over 2.5 million dollars. This error was reflected in the last 6 years of property tax allocations. The error will be corrected for the 2024 payable tax year and will have a direct impact on all taxable properties within the City of Newfolden. All properties will see a significant increase dependent on the assessed market value. This matter was referred to the Budget Committee for further analysis.

- 8) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve usage of the LED sign for veteran and veteran related recognition and events at no charge. Motion seconded by Councilmember Gast and carried.*
- 9) *Motion by Councilmember Jacobson to approve the submitted claims and timesheets. Motion seconded by Councilmember BJorgaard and carried.*
- 10) *Motion by Councilmember Gast to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Second by Councilmember Jacobson and carried.*

Lori Warne
Mayor

Tammy Hansen
City Administrator

