**Council Members Present:** Mayor Brent Switzer, Sheldon Johnson, Shaine Parr, Dan Walker, and Art Underhill via FaceTime.

**Others Present:**  City Clerk Tiffany Parr, Utility Billing Clerk Kathleen Bennett, Water and Sewer Operator John Mikrot, Fire Chief Gerard Bennett, and various members of public.

**Call to Order:** Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 pm by Mayor Switzer.

**Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda which includes the minutes of the February regular city council meeting, the disbursements and financial reports, and accounts payable was submitted for approval. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

S. Parr made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D. Walker. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

**Petitions, Requests, and/or Complaints:** None.

**Gerard Bennett, Fire Chief:**  Runs to date: 1 other, 10 fire, 25 ems. Heavier side of normal. Three truck replacements all in the works. Hoping to have them ready for spring fires. Then will have to sell the old ones. 4 ft. and 8ft. LED fluorescent tube replacements are in the works. Front door rebuild kit to be installed tomorrow. Had some trouble with the furnace. Front one is leaking and back one misfired again. Will have HVAC out to fix. Needed two butterfly valves for truck one. They cost about $1500 new; Kerrick had a couple that they will sell to us for $300 each. UTV Skid Unit sell to Bruno for cost ($1200) to help pay for new trucks. The UTV is not used anymore. New grants: 2022 FEMA Grant PPE application submitted. Federated Propane, MP&L, & ECE (trucks) in the works. Grants applied for: P.C. Mutual Aid, FEMA Grant failed are reapplying 2nd go around 2022. Public relations: Fun Day with the Easter Bunny at WRFD Hall 4/1/23. Fire Department will be helping Community Club with that. 2023 goal is to promote addressing (House #’s). Can be hard to find houses on calls sometimes. Will be done through Relief Assocation. Will be standing by at the drag races. Recruitment: 2 we are talking to. Always looking for good recruits. Donations: $100 from Robin Moen. Misc.: Raise rates for 2024 (Wyatt updating). Will see what other cities are charging. We currently charge $350 per house fire. EMR-I class at WRFD starting this month. One finishing up shortly FFI and II Hazmat. Bollards in spring with John school #1. Speed signs Walters Rd spring. Fire Hall door codes, will have Pat show Gerard how to change the code. Finishing up personnel reviews, everyone qualified.

**John Mikrot, Water and Sewer Operator:** Got the chlorine as low as it can go. Free chlorine at Kevin and Alley’s was at 0.01. Put salt in the sewer drain by the school. Getting low on salt, will order another pallet. Sewer lift pump was clogged with wipes at the lift station that services Wyatts Cove. Kathi sent out letters to homeowners there. This also happened back in July 2022. Will get a second bid on the dehumidifier when at his conference this week.

**Kathleen Bennett, Utility Billing Clerk:** Sent out 154 bills, 35 by email, for a total of $11,077.82. Late fees $170.74. Zero shut offs. Tiffany will be coming in Friday afternoons to train on water/sewer billing system.

**Tiffany Parr, City Clerk:** Audit is officially finished. Copies have been provided to councilmembers for approval. Annexation of Dan Walker’s property is complete and official. Art asked about contacting Chelsie for the work to be done on Doe St. He will get Tiffany the info for Chelsie.

**Sheldon Johnson, Zoning:** Someone approached Sheldon about running a farmer’s market on a privately owned business property. Some discussion about peddler’s license fees. Art will look further into this.

**Old Business**

**Repairing Walters Road:**  Waiting until spring.

**Repairing Roads in Town:** Waiting until spring.

**Door Codes:** Gerard updated.

**New Business**

**Shaine Parr**

1. **Tree cleanup in parks:** There is a tree down in the city park that will need to be cleaned up. Sheldon brought up cleaning up city ROW easements – is that the homeowner’s responsibility or the city’s?
2. **Long term budget planning:** Shaine discussed trying to come up with a long term plan as far as what we will need to spend money on in the future to help figure out how to allocate funds and what funds are not allocated and can be spent on other projects. Kathi mentioned that the water meters are over 20 years old and will need to be updated in the near future.
3. **Highway 61 boulevard:** Between the sidewalk and the road, the boulevard just gets covered with sand from winter plowing and grass doesn’t grow well there and it ends up being covered in weeds. Shaine thought maybe we can do something different with that area such as putting rock in there and some planters to help it look nicer. It was also suggested maybe to just put concrete all the way over to the road and widen the sidewalk. Shaine will look into some options.

**Adjournment**

S. Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Parr. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

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Tiffany Parr, City Clerk

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Brent Switzer, Mayor