

## Regular City Council Meeting

### Carnegie Library

March 3, 2025

Mayor DeBoer opened the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:00pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Kerri Baird, Jeff Davis, and Leonard Woehler. Justin Ferguson was absent.

City Staff: Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer, Kris Novotny, Public Works Director, and Jim Lippert, City Attorney

Public: Anita Dore, Justin Arlian, Shawn Smith, Angela Selby, Barbara Selk, Mike Shirley, Lee Andreas, Austin Standley, Nicholas Laubach, Trevor Halverson, Jayden Thomas, Ashlynn Holzheimer, Tammy Kober, and Cory Conner

Councilman Woehler made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 18, 2025, as amended, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that there were 332 complaints, 10 cases, and 15 citations for the month of February. He stated the weather in February kept them busy with wrecks, slide-offs and other calls. The department ordered a new vehicle for the undersheriff. He stated that the department is fully staffed. Public Comment: Tammy Kober asked if it was possible to shut down a portion of the highway to keep the deputies safer during extreme weather. Sheriff Ronneberg stated that multiple agencies met to come up with an action plan in case of a disaster. He stated that it was a good meeting.

Public Works Director, Kris Novotny, reported that the department was busy in February plowing and removing snow piles. Great West Engineering stated that the contractor who is paving Hooper Street would like to start in March. They had one service line freeze in town, but they were able to get it fixed in about two hours without having to dig it up. There is building construction happening just down from the infiltration gallery and the building could possibly be built on top of a city owned drainpipe. City Attorney, Jim Lippert is gathering information on easements that could be in place. They will meet with the company to figure out a solution. Two Public Works Operators resigned from the city and replacements have been hired.

Mayor DeBoer presented Cory Conner and Shawn Smith as the new Public Works Operators.

Austin Standley, agriculture teacher and FFA program representative from Sweet Grass County High School, along with FFA students Trevor Halvorsen, Jayden Thomas, and Nick Laubach presented the Big Timber FFA Sheep Project. They would like to develop a small student-owned flock, sell branded meat products, and make "Herder" merchandise using the wool of the sheep. They would like to have 10 ewe-lamb pairs at the high school from May 10-May 24, 2025, and then also allow students to raise fair lambs at the Sweet Grass Community Foundation property in front of the high school. They would start with the two-week trial period in May and then come back and report to the Council. Councilman