

Regular City Council Meeting

Carnegie Library

June 2, 2025

Councilman Woehler opened the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:06pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

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

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

Public:

Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 19, 2025, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that there were 321 complaints, 13 cases, and 34 citations for the month of May. There were four cases opened involving juveniles in May. He stated that the department has been getting a lot of calls for help with civil, not criminal, matters. Councilman Davis expressed concern over the intersection at Highway 191 and 1st Ave. He has seen a lot of close calls with cars getting into accidents. Sheriff Ronneberg stated that the paint is faded there, and we could contact the state to see if they will repaint it.

Public Works Director, Kris Novotny, reported that the concrete work is done on Hooper Street and it should be paved soon. He is going to dig out and gravel Hart Street next to Pioneer Medical Center. Then they will move to Hooper St by 8th Avenue, then two blocks on East 8th Avenue and then finally to East 3rd Avenue by City Hall. The pool has been open for a week and it has been a challenge. Dry Creek Concrete is installing valley gutters at 4th Avenue and Stock Street. The cost will be about \$5,000. They rented a milling machine and it has been working really well.

Cindy Anderson was not present at the meeting to discuss the Dugout Rental for her Pre-K program.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Hope Mosness, presented a draft of the Procurement Policy. The Council made a few minor changes. They also asked City Attorney Jim Lippert to add a section referring to the state statute that talks about performance bonds required in a contract. The revisions will be made to the policy and then presented at the next Council meeting.

Kris Novotny stated that the light at 4th Avenue and Hooper Street was removed during construction of Shepherd Square. However, the Shepherd Square Foundation does not want the light reinstalled where it was because they have different plans to light that area. They discussed moving it to a different corner, but it would be difficult to get a power line to it. Kris' recommendation is to put it back in the same spot. After Council discussion, Kris asked the Council to look at the intersection and then make a decision at the next meeting.

Kris Novotny presented the Council with a proposal to put solar panels at the Public Works shop as a backup power source. If there is a power outage, the panels will open the doors, run the computers and furnaces. This is less expensive than using a backup generator. He also thinks it will cut back on costs as well. He should be receiving estimates from two other companies. Councilwoman Baird suggested asking someone from the Cottonwood Resource Council to come in and talk to the Council about solar panels and companies. Councilman Ferguson and Woehler would like to see a price comparison of a backup generator. Councilman Davis thinks the city should look at solar panels for our buildings if a reputable company is being used.

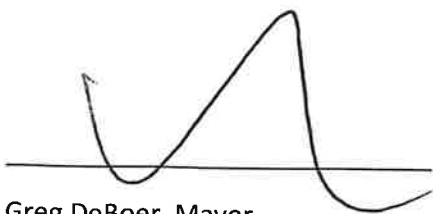
Hope Mosness gave the Council members a budget meeting schedule along with a budget packet to review before the first budget work meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6pm.

Kris Novotny asked the Council to approve the purchase of a Durapatcher to be used for patching potholes on the city streets. Councilwoman Baird made a motion to approve the purchase of the Durapatcher, seconded by Councilman Davis. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the claims, payroll, and overtime for May 2025 with the addition of the Durapatcher from Swanston Equipment for \$37,250 to come out of fund 1000, account 430240, object 900, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council present.


Public Comment: Kerri Baird stated the Women's Club ordered wood chips for the playground at Lions Club Park and they will be delivered within the next 10 days. They will have a group of volunteers there to help install them. Hope Mosness stated that no one has filed to run for the open Council positions and only one person has filed to run for Mayor. The deadline to file is June 11, 2025.

There being no further business to go before the Council, Councilman Ferguson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm, seconded by Councilwoman Baird. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.



Greg DeBoer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hope Mosness, Clerk/Treasurer