

Maharishi Vedic City
Minutes of a City Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 2:30 PM
City Hall, 1750 Maharishi Center Avenue

Present: Councilmembers Chris Johnson, Steve Boss, Leslee Goldstein, Marty Hulsebos (In person and by Zoom)

Absent: Mayor Rogers Badgett, Kara Anastasio

Present in Addition: Kathy Petersen

Mayor ProTem Johnson called the meeting to order.

1. Silence—Three minutes of silence was taken.
2. Public Comments—None.
3. Minutes—Goldstein moved, Hulsebos seconded, to approve minutes, as amended, from a meeting held on June 28, 2023; Ayes: Johnson, Boss, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
4. Receipts and Claims—Johnson moved to approve the report excluding payments for maintenance of garden beds at the Community Center and the Vedic Observatory, and to ask the vendor to itemize the charges; Hulsebos seconded; Ayes: Johnson, Boss, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none. The council discussed contracting for gardening.
5. Domain Names—Kathy Petersen reported that City-related domain names owned the City are up for renewal in September.
6. Contract with Fairfield Public Library—Johnson moved, Goldstein seconded to approve a contact with the Fairfield Public Library for fiscal year 2024; Ayes: Johnson, Boss, Goldstein, Hulsebos; Nays: none.
7. SAMs Registration—Kathy Petersen reported that Loraine Przybylski is now an administrator for SAM: System for Award Management, for federal grant applications.
8. City Logo Design—Marty Hulsebos presented logo ideas for a city welcome sign and branding logo.
9. Disposal of Unused City Property—Kathy Petersen reported on unused property in the Community Center and the shed south of City Hall. The council discussed disposal and donation of the items and requiring interested parties to cover the cost of removing the items.
10. Use of Rooms in City Hall—The council discussed use of rooms in the building by a community group.
11. Vedic Observatory Purchase and Maintenance—Leslee Goldstein recommended the Beautification Committee be responsible for overseeing maintenance of the observatory, and the Community and Economic Development Committee research transferring ownership to the City.
12. Walking Quorums—The City Council discussed gaining understanding the perimeters of a “walking quorum” of a City Council with the help of the Iowa League of Cities.
13. Committee Reports—Leslee Goldstein reported on committee discussions of Farm to Market Road extensions in the City, emergency alert systems, amending the organic ordinance to include a compliance clause, and on thank you letters sent to volunteers.
14. Mayor and Council Comments—None.

Mayor ProTem Johnson adjourned the meeting.

Rogers Badgett, Mayor

Loraine Przybylski, City Clerk