

**MINUTES OF February 6, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF ERHARD CITY COUNCIL**

Erhard City Council met in regular session Monday February 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Erhard City Clerk's Office.

Roll Call: Present; Mayor Gary Stadum, Treasurer Kristi Christianson, Council members; Diane Pederson, Chad Ravenscraft & Richard Bratlien and City Clerk La Faye Thompson: Absent: Gene Nygaard

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Announcements: Justin Arneson from Edward Jones presented info on our investment account info. Motion made by Chad Ravenscraft Second by Diane. To invest the \$25,000 that's in Money Market and when cd comes due in June split out to two \$25000 cd's and renew the \$25,000 one due in October. This will ladder the investments of \$25,000 every 3 months. All in favor. Motion carried.

Notices & Communications: Pelican Valley balance sheet, LMC Safety and Loss Workshop March 29th Alexandria. Donation request Joe for Dough, Otter Tail County regarding Edible cannabinoid products.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Rich Bratlien and seconded by Chad Ravenscraft to approve the agenda. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Motion made by Diane Pederson and seconded by Chad Ravenscraft to approve the minutes from November. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable: Motion made by Rich Bratlien and seconded by Chad Ravenscraft to approve the Accounts Payable. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was handed out. Checking account: General Fund beginning balance-\$146,273.62 deposits totaled \$2,676.63 and checks totaled \$14,823.02 for an ending balance of \$134,127.23. Edward Jones Total was \$100,665.59. **Total all funds \$234,792.82.** Motion made by Gene Nygaard and seconded by Chad Ravenscraft to approve the treasurer's report for February. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business: Motion made by Rich Bratlien: Seconded by Chad Ravenscraft to give Eugene Ouren \$100 for putting up and taking down Christmas lights.

Motion made by Rich Bratlien: Seconded by Diane to replace the Welcome on the South Erhard sign which was broke & also replace the North sign with reflector surface at the cost of \$700.00 per sign. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussed on replacing shakes on the Gazebo. Ouren's submitted a bid of \$25,901.00. The cost to replace all the shingles was too high. Will check into replacing only the damaged ones & getting them from the Amish.

October Fest: City need to submit a request by end of February. It was decided to get an estimate from Home Depot on a 12 x 16 foot shed for a skating rink warm house. Rich Bratlien will get the estimate.

Maintenance Person: Brian Olson said he would resign if city could find another person to fill the position. Motion made by Diane Pederson; Second by Richard Bratlien to hire Chad Ravenscraft for the part-time postion @18.00 per hour.

Roll Call Vote; Diane Pederson Yes

Rich Bratlien Yes

Mayor Gary Stadum Yes

Chad Ravenscraft abstained All favor; Motion carried.

Chad will be cleaning the bathrooms at the parks and taking care of the flower beds in the city. He will also check with Culligan on the water softening problem.

Cleaning position for Town Hall and City Clerks office. Decided to check with Debbie Peasley.

Motion made by Richard Bratlien: Seconded by Diane Pederson to hire Kim Pederson to do Grant Searching for the City at an average of 10 hours per month paying \$20.00 per hour. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Gary Stadum will check with Kim Anderson on doing the actual Grant Writing.

2022 Financial Report: City clerk La Faye Thompson presented the report. Motion made by Diane Pederson to approve the report: Seconded by Chad Ravenscraft. All in Favor. Motion carried. The report will be on file at City Clerk's office.

Clerk's Position: La Faye Thompson reported that she would like to be done with the position by July 1, 2023. The council accepted her request and will try to fill the position in the next month or so.

Adjournment: Chad Ravenscraft made motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Richard Bratlien. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

La Faye Thompson Clerk