

September 3, 2024
COUNCIL MEETING

The Westbrook City Council met on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council Room.

Members present: Mayor Dennis Phelps, Brian Cassens, Dennis Jutting, and Manda Jorgenson

Others present: Street Superintendent Conrad

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2024 council meeting. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Street department gave report. Pool project is starting. Everything is off of the concrete including slide.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to reimburse Amundson for trimming at 853 Adams Avenue.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to reimburse assessment made payable to Cottonwood County. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Alex Johnson with the Fire Department presented council with information about the PERA retirement.

Currently the Retirement accounts are spread out between Investments and CD's and really no management.

The State of Minnesota PERA did a consult of the accounts and would be managed all by PERA. There is an incentive for signing up with PERA. Council felt that Alex had a good handle on all of the aspects of both sides and feel that the Fire Relief would make the best decision on how to move forward. Alex stated he will present at the next fire meeting and see how it goes by vote. If it passes to switch there will additional resolutions/forms for council to act on.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Cassens to accept the LG555 donation from Westbrook Fireman's Relief in the amount of \$5,000.00. Jorgenson moved to put in Fire Department operating. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Jutting to approve the purchase of 2 fire boots with Heiman for Lee and Paplow. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jorgenson to approve the 2025 budget @ 9.38% increase. General fund Levy with vehicle reserve at 15,000 sitting at \$518,998. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cassens and seconded by Jutting to approve Resolution 10-2024 Accepting Donations for swimming pool (July). All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approve Resolution 11-2024 Accepting Donations for swimming pool (August). All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Digger presented council with a Mayoral Proclamation: September Suicide Prevention Month. Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Cassens to approve such document. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jutting and seconded by Cassens to approve the building permit submitted. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Jutting to approve bills in the amount of \$317,701.51. Check #58856-58963. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jorgenson and seconded by Jutting to adjourn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.