

The Jewell City Council met in Regular Session Monday, December 11, 2023 at the Jewell City Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Leo Reiter called the meeting to order with Council Members: Winborn, Roethler, Boor, and Lorenzen present. Councilman Gunderson was absent. City Attorney Justin Deppe was also in attendance.

APPROVE DECEMBER 11, 2023 AGENDA: Winborn made a motion to approve the December 11, 2023 agenda. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- Winborn made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 27, 2023 regular session. Lorenzen seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.
- Winborn made a motion to approve the December 11 claims. Lorenzen seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.
- Lorenzen made a motion to approve the November Treasurer’s Report. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$30,397.60	\$23,066.80
EMERGENCY	\$538.74	\$0.00
FIRE	\$8,564.18	\$0.00
DEVELOPMENT LOTS	\$0.00	\$0.00
ROAD USE	\$14,751.99	\$14,693.86
TRUST AND AGENCY	\$2,770.17	\$4,259.27
METER DEPOSITS	\$150.00	\$275.00
WATER	\$27,368.13	\$25,904.08
SEWER	\$9,977.69	\$13,174.58
LOCAL OPTION TAX	\$14,609.74	\$0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	\$0.00	\$7,272.25
CHAPTER 410/411	\$538.74	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$109,666.98	\$88,645.84

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: The 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report was presented to the Council. There was \$1,744,464 total revenue for the year and \$1,414,251 in expenditures for the year. The City has a revenue debt of \$1,336,540 still outstanding.

CONCERT IN THE PARK: The Council tabled this agenda item until Gunderson could be present to give specific details regarding the fundraising event.

BUILDING PERMIT INSPECTOR: Mayor Reiter informed the Council that he wishes to remove himself from signing off on building permits. The Council will decide in January who will be the second signer on the permits.

2023-2024 BUDGET

- Employee Wages-The personnel committee met and discussed the employees’ job performance and decided to recommend a 3% wage increase with the possibility of up to 2% more for merit. The committee recommended Dave Osmundson to get a 3% wage increase and Regina Beaune a 5% wage increase. Terry Anderson’s wage increases are tied to his attaining certificates and the police board votes to approve police wages. Boor made a motion to give Beaune a 3% wage plus an additional 2% merit raise and Osmundson a 3% wage increase. City Attorney Justin Deppe shared his belief that the difference in wage increases could be detrimental to morale. The motion died for a lack of a second.
- Energy Costs-Alliant Energy has proposed an increase in rates of 15-20%, which would be an additional \$10,845-\$14,460 in expenses to the city.

RESOLUTION 23-30: Winborn made a motion to approve Resolution 23-30, which opposes the magnitude of Alliant Energy’s rate increase and urges the Iowa Utilities Board to address Alliant’s high, rising, and unreasonable costs that are imposing serious hardship for low and moderate-income households and require rate-regulated utilities to conduct integrated resource planning and competitive procurement to ensure all utility investments are justified and cost-effective. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

We would like to encourage all citizens and ratepayers in our community to voice their perspectives and concerns to the Iowa Utilities Board by submitting comments and objections by email to customer@iub.iowa.gov or by mail at Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069. All communication should reference Docket RPU-2023-002 in the subject line.

JADE, MAIN STREET PROGRAM SUPPORT RENEWAL: Heidi from JADE requested a resolution of intent to support the Main Street Program. The resolution will be presented at the next December 27, 2023 meeting.

ADJOURN: Winborn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Regina Beaune, City Clerk

Leo Reiter, Mayor

12/11/2023 CLAIMS

IRS	TAXES	\$2,455.11
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	EXCISE TAX/SALES TAX	\$1,909.71
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$3,777.05
AG SOURCE COOP SERVICES	TESTING	\$97.00
AMERICAN SANITATION	RECYCLING NOVEMBER	\$1,603.91
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS	COMPUTER SUPPORT UTILITY BILLING	\$395.00
CENTURYLINK	PHONES	\$435.71
COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE EX	POLICE TELEPHONE	\$1.93
ELLSWORTH COOP	POLICE TELEPHONE	\$26.74
HEART OF IA PUBLISHING INC	PUBLISHING	\$511.32
HEARTLAND COOPERATIVE	POLICE FUEL	\$979.99

HILLS BACKHOE AND TILING	DIVISION STREET WATER MAIN BREAK	\$5,110.00
IOWA POLICE CHIEFS	CHIEFS MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$125.00
JEWELL FARM & HOME	EMERY CLOTH, LIGHTS, BATH TISSUE	\$194.68
JUSTIN SHILL	UTILITY DEPOSIT REFUND 518 EDWARDS	\$50.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SALT SPREADER F 350	\$208.99
PREMIER	PRINTER CONTRACT	\$132.36
SHOMO-MADSEN-KRAUSE	ADDITIONAL WORKERS COMP PER AUDIT	\$141.00
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	MAIN STREET ENGINEERING	\$6,177.36
TRASHMAN	TRASH BIN	\$94.50
UNPLUGGED WIRELESS	RADIOS	\$9,751.50
VESSCO INC	CHLORINE REGULATORS WATER PLANT	\$1,324.14
EMPLOYEE	WAGES	\$8,410.91
TOTAL		\$43,913.91