

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN
BRITT COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023, 5:30 P.M.**

1) OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Call meeting to order.

Minutes: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arndorfer.

- b. Roll call.

Minutes: Present were Stacy Swenson, Curt Gast, Karrie Wallen, Ashley Weiss, and Abby Post

- c. Pledge of Allegiance

- d. Conflict of Interest (state if applicable):

- e. Approval of Agenda

Minutes: It was motioned by Wallen and second by Weiss to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2) APPROVE CHIEF OF POLICE HIRE

Minutes: Council person Gast explained we had 3 applicants. Two of which were local and one from another state. The Interview committee consisted of two Council Members, the City Admin, Assistant Fire Chief, and Vice President of First State Bank. The committee had a hard time choosing but eventually recommended Tyler Harmon to the Council. It was contingent that he would retire K9 Kovu due to the city not having the funds to support two K-9s and K-9 vehicles. It was motioned by Weiss and second by Swenson to approve Tyler Harmon as the Police Chief with a salary of \$71,000 and extending the Chief living requirement to 5 miles from Britt City limits. Motion carried unanimously.

3) RESOLUTION 24-2023 VACATION POLICY

Minutes: Ibarra informed employees have commented on the City vacation policy and the gap between 2-10 years only being 2 weeks' vacation. Ibarra compared to a couple nearby towns, and they had similar policies. She will find more data to present the policy at the next council meeting.

4) DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CROWN POINT

Minutes: Jennifer Breister with Crown Point was present, she explained it would be one sixplex building that would accommodate elderly people. The Development Agreement was ready to go, except we do not know what the property would be assessed at. City Attorney Earl Hill and Ibarra will reach out Jill Kramer or the County Assessor and figure out what they predict the property will be assessed at. It was motioned by Gast and second by Wallen to approve the Development Agreement with Crown Point Builders. Motion carried unanimously.

5) ABSOLUTE WASTE RATES

Minutes: Ibarra explained that Absolute issued a refund of \$8,008.74 for the years we were overcharged. Mike and Deb, Absolute Representatives, informed the Landfill of Lake Mills has increased their rates by 22% since Absolute started their contract with us. The Landfill of North Iowa is around \$35/ton, and the Landfill of Lake Mills is around \$95/ton. The rates that Absolute are increasing too, is due to the cost of per tonnage at the Landfill of Lake Mills. Ibarra has reached out to the manager of the North Iowa Landfill to find out if the city is able to switch over to them. Mike stated, if we were to switch to The North Iowa Landfill, rates would be lowered.

6) ADJOURN

Minutes: It was motioned by Swenson and second by Post to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Elizabeth Ibarra, City Clerk

Ryan Arndorfer, Mayor