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MINUTES
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COUNCIL
August 2, 2023
6:00 p.m.

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting: Dudley Cruea, Dale White, Kelly Carlson, Denise Crowder, Jim McKee and Jeff Fishero.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting as presented. Vote: 6-0

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Kelly Carlson to approve the minutes of the Joint meeting with the Council/Commissioners on July 17, 2023 as presented. Vote: 6-0

Report of Collections – as submitted

A motion was made by Jeff Fishero and seconded by Dale White to acknowledge the Report of Collections for the Ambulance, Clerk, Health Dept, Recorder and Sheriff for the month of June. Vote: 6-0

Review & Acknowledge Clerk's Monthly Report for June 2023.

A motion was made by Kelly Carlson and seconded by Denise Crowder to acknowledge the Clerk's Monthly Report for June, 2023. Vote: 6-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

AMBULANCE – Garth Kagels

Garth reported that he will meet with Horton on August 15 to go over the pre-construction specifications on the new ambulances. There is still no timeline on the new chassis. The concert last weekend at the Badlands went well. There were approximately 5,000 in attendance. He will have one employee on FMLA due to back surgery. The lights in the parking lot have been installed and the driveway has been sealed. Dudley asked a question in regards to billing. During the council conference he learned there was a law change in regards to an ambulance run. They can charge up to 4 times what the hospital charges on the Medicare rate. He asked that Garth call AIC to get more information.

REVIEW OF REQUESTED BUDGETS FOR 2023⁴

The Council reviewed the budgets of the Auditor, Assessor, Recorder, Coroner, Landfill, Plan Commission and the Soil and Water. The Department heads/elected officials were present to go over their budgets with Council and answer any questions.

Discussion – Health Board

Dudley went over how the new health board will be formed beginning January 2024. The health director does not have to be a doctor but must have a master degree in public health.

There was discussion in regards to the Plan Commission and the permits.

Denise Crowder made a motion to support Jim McKee in making a recommendation to the Plan Commission to charge a permit fee for renewable energy. Kelly Carlson seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

Council also discussed budgets, funding and new projects. Dudley handed out information that he received at the County Council conference in June.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE
August 14, 2023
AT 9:00 A.M.**

**Budget Hearing
Budget Adoption**

**September 11, 2023
October 10, 2023**

A motion was made by Dale White and seconded by Denise Crowder to close the meeting. Vote: 6-0

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ATTEST

Kelly L. Carlson
Dale A. White
Denise Crowder
James D. Miller
Jim L. Lerner