**February 10th, 2025**

The Greene City Council met in regular session on Monday February 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Greene Community Center with Mayor Warren Van Dyke presiding. Council members present were Rodney Fesenmeyer, Vicky Malfero, Audrey Smith, Marnie Schmidt, and Al Zweck via phone. Also, present were Cory Wiegmann, Sara Wiegmann, Deb White, Mairlyn Folkers, Jeff Stirling, Jeff Kolb, Chris Showalter, Kathy Stuntz, Carlos Cabrera, and Ross Hawker.

Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Fesenmeyer to approve Agenda. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Smith/seconded by Schmidt to approve meeting minutes of January 13th, 2024. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried

Mayor Van Dyke called to open a public hearing adopting the City of Greene, Iowa Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update. There were no written or oral comments.

Butler County Emergency Management Director Chris Showalter explained to the council the updated Hazard Mitigation plan. This can be found at City Hall for anyone to review.

Motion by Zweck/seconded by Malfero to approve Resolution 2025-01 of the City Council of Greene, Iowa, Adopting the City of Greene, Iowa Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Malfero, Schmidt, Smith, Zweck. All. Carried.

Moved by Malfero/seconded by Fesenmeyer to approve Resolution 2025-02 to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specification, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 4th street water main improvements project, and the taking of bids therefor. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Malfero, Schmidt, Smith, Zweck. All. Carried.

Jeff Kolb from Butler Grundy Development Alliance spoke to the council about the Industrial Park developer that will be starting dirt work this spring with construction to follow this summer. They are looking to have the city sponsor them for a state high quality job program. Jeff also mentioned that the city could pass an abatement program to help offset taxes for the new developer.

Jeff also discussed a possible developer for the old elementary school building and would like to apply for Iowa Thriving Communities on behalf of the city. This would help developers gain access to tax credits/programs to help offset the cost of developing in the City of Greene. With this application there would need to be a team of representatives that would include, Jeff Kolb, Mayor, City Clerk, Al Zweck, Marnie Schmidt, and Tim Fox.

Motion by Smith/seconded by Schmidt to allow Jeff Kolb to apply for the Thriving Communities of Iowa on behalf of the City of Greene. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Jeff then updated the council on the Derilict Building Grant that the city was awarded for asbestos removal in the old elementary school building. He would like to get actual bids to make for sure that we know how much the total project would cost and then make a plan on how to fund the remaining portion of the project.

Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Smith to allow Jeff Kolb to start the bid process for asbestos removal at the old elementary school building. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Ambulance Chief Jeff Stirling gave the council an update on the situation of contracts between the Greene Volunteer Ambulance and Marble Rock Volunteer Ambulance, along with Floyd County and AMR. Jeff along with a couple crew members and the EMS Coordinator plan on attending the AMR Commissioner Board meeting to get some more clarification on areas serviced and dispatch instructions.

Carlos Cabrera gave the council an update on his dog being evaluated by a veterinarian and suggested training for his dog. He has scheduled his first training for February 19th, 2025 and paid for future trainings.

Bids for Ash Tree removal were opened:

CTC Disaster Response -$36,550

Sonberg Tree Service LLC - $16,225

Top Tree Service - $18,725

Norton Tree Service - $18,540

DKW Tree Service LLC - $21,700

A1 Property Services LLC - $71,433

Riverside Services & Rentals - $27,000

Trenary’s Tree Care - $24,300

Motion by Smith/seconded by Schmidt to award Sonberg Tree Service LLC for the removal of the Ash Trees for the amount of $16,225. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Smith to open public hearing amending Ordinance No. 112 Amending the City Code of Ordinances, City of Greene, Iowa, 2018 by Amending the Rates for Collection of Solid Waste. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

With no oral or written comments, Smith made the motion/seconded by Zweck to waive the second reading and pass the third reading for final passage to Ordinance No. 112 an Ordinance Amending the City Code of Ordinances, City of Greene, Iowa, 2018, by Amending the Rates for Collection of Solid Waste. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Malfero, Schmidt, Smith, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Zweck/seconded by Smith to approve liquor license for Traer Street Sports Bar and Grill. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Fesenmeyer/seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution 2025-03 Approving Transfer of Funds from the Sewer Debt Service Fund to a $200,000 CD at Lincoln Savings Bank. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Malfero, Schmidt, Smith, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Malfero/seconded by Zweck to change checking accounts at Lincoln Savings Bank to Analysis Accounts to accrue more interest. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Malfero to set public hearing amending the current fiscal year’s budget for March 10th, 2025. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Malfero/seconded by Fesenmeyer to approve purchasing pool parts that need repaired in the amount of $1,200. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Malfero/seconded by Fesenmeyer to approve Resolution 2025-04 Setting Salaries/Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Greene, Iowa for the July 1, 2025 Through June 30, 2026 Fiscal Year. Roll: Ayes- Fesenmeyer, Malfero, Schmidt, Smith, Zweck. All. Carried.

Motion by Schmidt/seconded by Fesenmeyer to pay half of $301.84 for water repairs at 311 N Main Street. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Motion by Malfero/seconded by Zweck to approval of claims. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

Other discussion: Fiscal Year 25-26 Budget was discussed along with upcoming special meetings to set public hearings and adopt the property tax levy prior to the budget adoption.

Motion by Fesenmeyer/seconded Malfero to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Roll: Ayes- All. Carried.

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 Signed: Warren Van Dyke, Mayor

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Attest: Brittney Sanvig, City Clerk