

**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF TITONKA**

The Titonka City Council met in regular session Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Mayor LaGue called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. with council members Mike Etherington, Mike Fredrickson, Sara Hamilton, Nick Harms, and Katie Prothman attending. City employees Adam Posey, Mark Haverly, and clerk Angie Thompson were also in attendance. Others attending were: Laurie Lee, Allan Boyken, Pam Williams, Vincent Blocker, and Jim Wachholz.

Motion made by Fredrickson and seconded by Prothman to approve the agenda. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion made by Harms and seconded by Etherington to approve the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.

Open Public Hearing: 7:01

**CITY OF TITONKA
2022 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
UPDATE PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Funding of Project Activities and Sources of Funds.

This project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and DNR/SRF Funding. The City was awarded a 2022 CDBG for \$300,000. To date, \$3,475 of the CDBG allocation has been expended. There is a local obligation of \$1,930,786 committed towards project costs. To date, \$10,400 has been expended.

B. Explain how the need for the activities was identified.

The need for the project is due to the need to provide residents in the City with a sufficient and reliable high-quality water supply.

C. Nature of and Status of the Activities.

The nature of the project involves the construction of new water well and improvements to the City's water treatment facility including new electrical components, backup generator, chemical feed equipment, Atomerator, gate valve, flow meter, and filter media.

Woodruff Construction and Beemer Companies are the contractors for the work on the project. Work on the project is approximately 1% complete.

There has been no change to the project beneficiaries as proposed in the request submitted to the State for funding.

D. Announce the estimated portion of funds that will benefit low-and-moderate income persons.

The project will result in a city-wide benefit and based on the 2011-2015 American Community Survey results from the U.S. Census, 64.9% of the residents living in the city are of low-and-moderate income.

E. Announce where the activities are being conducted.

The project activities are taking place at the City of Titonka Water Treatment Plant (248 Main St. N) and on a vacant lot located at the corner of 3rd Avenue NE and Dieckman Street.

F. Announce plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses resulting of funded activities.

The project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses.

G. Announce plans to assist persons actually displaced.

Since this project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses, there are no plans being made to assist displaced persons.

Close Public Hearing 7:06

Fredrickson made a motion to give the Community Club a key to use to get into their storage room in the basement. Harms seconded, all in favor. Motion passed.

Laurie Lee spoke of the Federal Grant that is being worked on. It will conform space at the Titonka Care Facility into a children's daycare. The Grant wants to use the City's FEIN number. Tabled for one month.

Wachholz and Blocker spoke about I T options. Two others options were also looked at. Tabled for a month.

Motion by Prothman and seconded by Fredrickson to put a key of terms in everyone's utility bill. A letter will be going to "Utility Budget" patrons, pending approval from Doster, explaining the new options for budgeting utilities through the City of Titonka. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Vincent Blocker spoke of the one-year Fitness Center Plan. Etherington made a motion for a purchase of a cordless vacuum and small computer, paid by the Fitness Center. Prothman seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Etherington made a motion to charge \$2,000 for 30-day use of the gym, depending on and subject to, approval of what month it is to be used. Approval will need to come from City Council. Prothman seconded. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Disconnect letters will be sent to anyone owing \$100.00 or more on delinquent utility bills.

Prothman made a motion, and Fredrickson seconded that the penalty fees for late utility bills will be 1.5% with a \$10 minimum. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Adam reported that there is a gate valve that is embedded in concrete that the DNR says needs to be replaced. Quotes will be sawt.

Mayor Report—Council discussed parking issues.

Gambling money—tabled until September.

Pool Employment—Ayden Boekelman was hired as Co-manager of the pool, per motion from July 13, 2023 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-04 A RESOLUTION SETTING A SALARY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF TITONKA, IOWA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

Hamilton made a motion to set the salary for Ayden Boekelman at \$12.50, starting August 5th, 2023. Prothman Seconded. Roll Call: Etherington aye, Fredrickson aye, Harms aye, and Prothman aye. Resolution passed.

Pool Floors: Options will be gathered to fix the floors for next season.

Pool Closing: Hamilton made a motion to have the last day of swimming August 20th, 2023. Prothman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Titonka received a Community Foundation Grant distribution from an Anonymous Fund in the amount of \$4,331.00 to use toward a Community Betterment Program. Decision on what it will be used for was tabled for one month.

Adam will get prices on fixing the corner of Wesley St SW and 3rd Ave SW, and for clearing/grinding at the corner of Dieckman and 2nd Ave NE.

Prothman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Fredrickson seconded. All in favor. Passed.