

**Minutes  
Avon City Council  
August 7, 2023**

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT**

Jeff Manthe – Mayor, Katie Reiling, Aaron Goebel, Doug Schaefer - City Councilors  
Justin Kurtz – Water Wastewater Foreman, Corey Nellis – Chief of Police  
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk-Administrator

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*Public Hearing on Proposed Assessments for Street Reconstruction 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Jeremy Mathiasen*  
Mathiasen displayed a PowerPoint presentation for those in attendance.

*Motion Reiling to close public hearing at 6:39 pm second Goebel and carried unanimously.*

Hanauer property (42.26226.0002 400 6<sup>th</sup> St) was removed from the assessment roll since they have no access to 6<sup>th</sup> Street and therefore no benefit. Mrs. Hanauer has offered to deed the property to the city. Austing-Traut will work with Hanauer and her attorney to file necessary documents.

Council considered Resolution 2023-30 Adopting the Assessment Roll for 6<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project 2023.

*Motion Goebel to adopt Resolution 2023-30 Adopting Assessment Roll for 6<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project of 2023 second Schaefer and carried unanimously.*

*Public Hearing to consider an Amendment to Section 90 of the Avon City Code: Parks and Recreation*

Council considered Resolution 2023-28 Adopting Ordinance 234 Amending Section 90 Avon City Code: Parks and Recreation which cleans up several areas of the ordinance including where it says “tennis courts” to simply say “courts” since the courts are currently being used as pickleball courts. The amendment also notates that smoking is not allowed on any public property including parks, and prohibits grilling at the Avon Beach.

*Motion Goebel to close public hearing at 6:50 pm second Reiling and carried unanimously.*

*Motion Reiling to adopt Resolution 2023-28 Amending Section 90 Avon City Code: Parks and Recreation second Goebel and carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Jen Dingman and Jill Terwey were present with concerns about school transportation. Albany schools are facing a shortage of drivers and have suspended bus transportation for students who live within 1 mile of the school. Dingman stated that she feels it is unsafe for her children to walk to and from school from daycare. Tri-Cap was suggested as an option. Council authorized Austing-Traut to contact Tri-Cap to inquire about whether they are willing and able to provide services to school aged children in Avon who do not have bussing available. If there is no cost to the city, council authorized staff to give permission to Tri-Cap to operate here in that capacity.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Council Minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
2. Receive Fire Department Minutes June 26, 2023
3. Receive Planning Commission Minutes July 18, 2023
4. Paid Check Register, Manual Claims, Capital Expenditures, Payroll Deposits, Quarterlies (email only)
5. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees
6. Corrective Conditional Use Permit 809 Upper Spunk Lake
7. Resolution 2023-26 Adopting Ordinance 233 Amending the Zoning Map (Rezone 308 Dolphin Ave SE/42.26446.0034 from R-1 to C-2)
8. Resolution 2023-27 Accepting Donations for Speed Signs and Police Expenses

9. MESERB Membership Agreement and Invoice

10. Authorize Gambling Permit for Avon Sportsman's Club Raffle at Fisher's Club on 12/08/23

*Motion Schaefer to approve consent agenda second Reiling and carried unanimously.*

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **ISSUES BY STAFF**

#### **Administration**

Staff presented a quote for surveying the next phase of Avon Estates. KLD has the base maps on file already. The cost to survey the first section of the next phase is expected to be around \$7,500.

*Motion Manthe to authorize KLD to survey the next phase of Avon Estates up to \$7,500 second Reiling and carried unanimously.*

Request to release Letter of Credit for \$93,750 for work completed at Avon Estates Southern View. The city will continue to hold a letter of credit for the duration of the warranty period in the amount of \$115,799.

*Motion Schaefer to release the Letter of Credit for \$93,750 second Manthe and carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2023-29 Calling Public Hearing for Capital Improvement Plan (re: Fire Hall Bond)

*Motion Goebel to adopt Resolution 2023-29 Calling Public Hearing for Capital Improvement Plan for Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm second Manthe and carried unanimously.*

Council considered authorization for W.Gohman to proceed with Phase II Construction Documents and Bidding.

*Motion Goebel to authorize W.Gohman to proceed with Phase II Construction Documents and Bidding second Schaefer and carried unanimously.*

Request for authorization to placed banners at Stratford Ballfield. Council consensus to allow the banners at the ballfield at Stratford Park as presented.

#### **Public Works**

Written report was presented.

#### **Police Department**

Written report was presented.

### **ISSUES BY COUNCIL**

Reiling asked if the city could get additional flower pots (3-4 more) for main street. Staff will look into options. Evie Fischer is also looking for help with her gardens.

Jeremy Mathiasen brought up the catch basin in the middle of a driveway on Estate Drive that has been getting broken up. The fix would include buying a new "drive over" style grate as well as redoing the concrete on both sides. There is also a heave in the curb that would need to be replaced. Up to 20' of curb may need to be replaced. Another possibility would be to remove the catch basin and repair the curb. Mathiasen will work with staff to get quotes and determine the best option for a fix.

Mayor Manthe stated that on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August at 9:15 am the Avon Post Office will be dedicated to Kort Plantenberg. The public is invited to attend. Congressman Emmer and other congressional leaders will be in attendance along with other postal dignitaries.

#### **Adjourn**

*Adjourned at 8:25 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jodi Austing-Traut  
City Clerk/Administrator