

Unapproved Minutes of the  
Irene City Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 9, 2022

The Irene City Council met on Monday May 9, 2022. Mayor Johnke called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Council present: Joe Booth (via Zoom), Matthew Davis, Brent Mutchelknaus, and Jim Viergutz. Also present Casey Van Beek, Finance Officer.

Motion by Mutchelknaus second by Booth to approve the April 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried. Following review of claims, motion by Davis second by Viergutz to approve payment of claims. Motion carried. INSERT CLAIMS

Craig Lauritzen, DGR Engineering was present to discuss with Council the funding package awarded for the water tower and lagoon improvement projects. Scope of project was discussed, additional information will be presented at the June meeting.

Andy Howe, Clay County Sheriff was present with police report for April. Tammy Huether, Bar Manager was also in attendance with monthly departmental report. Request to suspend the open container ordinance on July 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Irene Bar Golf Outing was approved by motion of Davis, seconded by Mutchelknaus. Motion carried. Commission worksheet for the quarter was reviewed, motion by Booth second by Viergutz to approve commission pay out to bar manager Huether in the amount of \$2,074.92. All in favor. Lonnie Schenk, Code Enforcement Officer and Rick Bak, Maintenance Department were not in attendance.

Council member Brent Mutchelknaus submitted a resignation from his position as Council member Ward II. Motion by Booth second by Viergutz to accept the resignation as submitted. Motion carried. Mayor Johnke thanked Brent for his twelve years of dedicated service to the City of Irene.

New terms begin for Council Members Jim Viergutz and Joe Booth. Mayor Johnke appointed Steven Erickson Ward I vacant seat. Motion by Booth second by Davis to approve appointment of Steven Erickson for a one-year term. All in favor. Oath of office was administered.

Motion by Booth second Viergutz by to nominate Davis for Council President and that nominations cease. Motion carried. Motion by Booth second by Davis to nominate Erickson for Vice-President and that nominations cease. Motion carried. Motion by Viergutz second by Booth to remove Brent Mutchelknaus as signatory on checking account at Merchants State Bank and to add Matthew Davis as signatory. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnke submitted his list of appointments for approval, motion by Booth second by Viergutz to approve mayors' appointments. Motion carried. Appoints approved as follows: Public Safety Commissioner – Steven Erickson; Public Works – Jim Viergutz; Finance and Revenue- Joe Booth; Utilities – Matthew Davis; City Attorney – Darrell Jesse; Official Newspaper – Tri-County News; Bank Depository – Merchants State Bank. Library Representative – Joe Booth.

Wenie Shawver, was not in attendance for zoning request. No action taken. Council acted on completed renewal application for malt beverage licenses submitted by Pump N' Stuff for 2022 - 2023. Motion by Booth second by Viergutz to approve license as submitted. All in favor. Irene Fire Department and Irene First Responder rosters were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Booth second by Davis to approve rosters as submitted.

Mayor Johnke declared meeting ended at 8:26 p.m.

Signed: Bryce Johnke Mayor

Attest: Casey Van Beek, Finance Officer