**NORA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION**

**Monday, January 16, 2023 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Randy Hassman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following members present: Bob Moen, Brian Pederson, Steve Blickenderfer, Andrew Hicok, and Steven Bailey.

Others Present: Renee Bartling, Jessie Dugan, Gladys Brallier, Al Brallier, Colleen Brallier, Kathy Young, Sean Arthur

Motion by Blickenderfer to approve pay allocation #8 to Minnowa Construction for slope repair at 1st Street Bridge, second by Moen. All ayes, motion carried

Motion by Moen, seconded by Blickenderfer, to approve Resolution No. 2023-05, “Resolution Approving the city attorney to probe the interest of the Cerro Gordo County Supervisors for annexation of golf course.” All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Moen, seconded by Bailey, to approve Resolution No. 2023-06, “Resolution Approving the acquisition of Cerro Gordo County property for the purposes of owning the land under the golf course.” All ayes, motion carried.

Renee Bartling, Nora Springs Library Director, was present to discuss having the director going full-time with benefits. To help become full-time, the library will increase the opening hours. Since the director has been with Nora Springs the library has received several grants, more county monies, and have been able to offer more classes in the evening. Council did not want to give a definite answer to either say yes or no to the library director being full-time until the council looked through the budget.

Council went through the expenses and revenue sheets and asked various questions about transfers, grants, and why some line items increased. Insurance for the city will be increasing about 17%-20%. Martin tried to increase the insurance enough but the final price will not be available until after budget is finalized.

Wages were discussed for every department. Martin was asked by council to discuss with Van Hauen if a seasonal employee is still needed. Public works will also need to prioritize the removal of Ash Trees. Discussion was made about public works building updates and tire purchase lines increasing.

The Council request to have another workshop January Friday 20th at 6:00 pm to continue wages, library director becoming full-time with benefits, and to cut back some budget line items some more.

Motion by Blickenderfer to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Second by Moen, all ayes.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ashley Martin, City Administrator Randy Hassman, Mayor