

Maharishi Vedic City
Minutes of a City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 2:30 PM
City Hall, 1750 Maharishi Center Avenue

Present: Mayor Rogers Badgett, Councilmembers Tim Fitz-Randolph, Leslee Goldstein, Chris Johnson, Kathy Petersen, Maureen Wynne

Absent: None

Mayor Badgett called the meeting to order.

1. Silence—Three minutes of silence was taken.
2. Public Comments—None heard.
3. Consider Approving Minutes—Tim Fitz-Randolph moved, Maureen Wynne seconded, to approve minutes from meetings held February 14, February 19, and February 22, 2024; Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none. Motion carried. [Chris Johnson joined the meeting.]
4. Consider Approving Receipts and Claims—Leslee Goldstein moved, Maureen Wynne seconded, to approve the report; Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Johnson, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none. Motion carried.
5. Consider January Treasurer’s Report—Kathy Petersen moved, Maureen Wynne seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2024; Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Johnson, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none. Motion carried.
6. Set Date for Public Hearing for Maximum Levy Amount for Fiscal Year 2025—Kathy Petersen moved, Tim Fitz-Randolph seconded, to set the date for the Maximum Levy Public Hearing for Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 2:15pm; Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Johnson, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none. Motion carried.
7. Consider City Clerk Salary—Maureen Wynne moved, Tim Fitz-Randolph seconded, to approve hourly wage for new hire Nichole Liveston, beginning March 1, 2024, at \$22.00; Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Johnson, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none. Motion carried.
8. Finalize Subcommittees and Appointments—Tim Fitz-Randolph moved, Maureen Wynne seconded, to finalize standing subcommittees, chairs, and council appointments as:
 - a. Parks, Recreation, and Celebrations: Chair Leslee Goldstein, Kathy Petersen
 - b. Finance and Administration: Chair Kathy Petersen, Tim Fitz-Randolph
 - c. Communications: Chair Tim Fitz-Randolph, Leslee Goldstein
 - d. Community and Economic Development: Chair Chris Johnson, Maureen Wynne
 - e. Master Plan: Chair Maureen Wynne, Chris JohnsonAyes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Johnson, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none. Motion carried.
9. Consider Contract for Services, Fairfield Public Library—Tim Fitz-Randolph moved, Leslee Goldstein seconded, to adopt a resolution to approve library services for FY25; Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Johnson, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none. Motion carried. Resolution number 20240228A was assigned.
10. Consider Resolution of Support of Area 15 Planning Commission—Maureen Wynne moved, Tim Fitz-Randolph seconded, to adopt a resolution to support Area 15 Planning Commission for FY25; Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Johnson, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none. Resolution number 20240228B as assigned.
11. Consider Resolution to Open Certificate of Deposit—Maureen Wynne moved, Kathy Petersen seconded to adopt a resolution to open an 18-month CD with Road Use Tax reserve funds, at Libertyville Savings Bank;; Nays: none. Resolution number 20240228C was assigned.
12. Sewer Connection—The council discussed charging a sewer connection fee for new construction at the ILA campus.
13. City Hall Maintenance—The council discussed maintenance needs at City Hall/Community center including porch repairs, installing a thermostat, installing a closet.
14. Storm Alert System—Leslee Goldstein reported on information received from Jefferson County Emergency Management, including Alert Iowa, state grants, and quotes for sirens.
15. Trash and Recycling Policy—Tim Fitz-Randolph moved, Maureen Wynne seconded, to change the flat fee for trash and recycling collection for buildings on Maharishi Center Ave. from \$18 to a flat fee of \$15 per month regardless of occupancy, beginning April 1, 2024; Ayes: Fitz-Randolph, Goldstein, Johnson, Petersen, Wynne; Nays: none.
16. Consider Replacing 911 Signs—The council discussed replacing faded 911 signs.

17. Alliant Solar Array Project—Mayor Badgett reported on the project which is planned along Airport Rd. The City does not have extraterritorial jurisdiction over the project.
18. Jefferson County Wind Farm—Leslee Goldstein reported on a wind farm project in the northwest corner of Jefferson County, about one mile from the City. The project is about one year out. The council discussed the impact of the vibration.
19. Mayor and Council Comments—Tim Fitz-Randolph recommended adjusting the meeting camera and monitor to make it easier to read documents.

Mayor Badgett adjourned the meeting.

Rogers Badgett, Mayor

Kathy Petersen, Interim City Clerk