

March 17th, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

The Castlewood City Council met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Brian Ries, Heather Schmit, LeeAnne Dufek, Stef Goldhorn, Chad Ries, Jeanette Bohls, and Beau Schooley. Also present Logan Ruesink.

Mayor Ries called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Dufek and seconded by C. H. Schmit. All members present voting aye and the motion passed.

The city did not receive any appeals for Castlewood at the annual equalization meeting. Castlewood property values did not increase on buildings or land for property taxes in 2024 payable in 2025. However, residents would see an increase on property taxes due from 2024 payable in 2025 with last year's school bond approval vote.

J. Schmit did not receive the anticipated crack sealing quote and this item would be revisited at the April 7th meeting.

Axess Cooperative (formerly the Castlewood Farmer's Elevator) would like to rent the ground to plant sweet corn on city-owned Castlewood Industrial lots 3-5 for the same amount they rented for in 2024 of \$750.00. A motion was made to approve Axess Cooperative to rent lots 3-5 for \$750.00 from planting in the spring to harvest in the fall by Goldhorn and seconded by Schooley. Roll call vote: Schooley yay, Goldhorn yay, Dufek yay, Bohls yay, H. Schmit yay, C. Ries abstained. Motion passes 5-0.

Council discussed steel siding on garages or shops in the residential zone as steel panel siding is currently prohibited. The lumberyard asked if board and batten metal siding that looked like wood was prohibited, Ruesink contacted First District as they wrote the ordinance and they confirmed that board and batten metal siding is exactly steel panel siding and is not allowed. Ruesink asked council if they would like to proceed with changing this ordinance to included metal board and batten and they did not wish to change the ordinance on prohibiting metal siding in residential zones. No action was taken.

Ruesink presented two firewall and cybersecurity quotes from Connecting Point and ITC to council for the finance office. A motion was made to approve the firewall and cybersecurity quotes from Connecting Point for \$3764.45 plus additional electrical work to clean up and hide existing wires in Ruesink's office, the motion also included a monthly managed service contract for \$236.00 a month by Dufek and seconded by Bohls. All members present voting aye and the motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. by H. Schmit and seconded by C. Ries. All members present voting aye and the motion passed.

Logan Ruesink
Finance Officer