

Regular City Council Meeting

9-4-18

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

Present: Tom Gorek, Lyle Kovar, Josh Smith, Renee Rettinger, Breann Krebs, Chris Fitterer

Excused: None

Motion by Tom, seconded by Josh to approve the August 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

There was no county policing report this month.

Mayors Report

The Health Inspector from SW District Health Unit inspected 2 properties on 1st Ave East in the 900 block. There are several recommendations on what needs to be done to clean up the property. Our City Attorney has a notice in order that is to be placed on the house that had the fire. Our new building inspector will conduct his own review of the progress of the Health Inspector reports. Many properties have been cleaned up but we will have to do another round of letters to some land owners.

Zoning Commission

There was 1 building permit for a lientu. This was approved.

There have been questions about a basement being done. Butch stated if replacing or repairing you do not need a building permit but replacing an entire basement you should be required to have building permit.

9 out of 10 towns our size does not have any rules for tree planting other than the type of tress that can be planted. Permission should be granted by the City Council on an individual basis. There should be visibility on the corners and snow plow equipment should be able to conduct their job without interference form trees.

Building permits are good for 1 year from the date of issuance. Residents can apply for a 6-month extension. After a year and a half residents will have to fill out a new building permit. There was a concerned citizen that believes a neighbor has not been finishing his projects within the year and a half. Our Zoning Board will follow up on this item.

Street & Lights

Do we need an ordinance to prohibit semis and trucks from using jake brakes while coming into New England. This is happening late at night and it is a disturbance to the residents. We need to call Rob Rayhorn at the DOT to see if we can put signs up. Josh said he will check into this issue.

Discussed the street on 1st Ave East north of 12th Street. Does it need repair? We will be putting in a cement valley gutter to help with the drainage. There are puddles going into the business and the business owner is concerned. The valley gutter will take care of the puddles.

Water & Sewer

The street lights have been started on the South end of Main Street. It could be a couple of months until the lights are working on the South end of Main Street. All the underground work in the street was done before the paving was completed. A resident requested a street light be moved as he would like to put a

structure on his property and the street light would be in the way right now. The resident has hired someone to find the pins, so we know exactly where the property lines are. We will move the light pole within 2 feet of his property line when the new light poles are put up. Annual maintenance is being done on the sewers with the jetter.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Lyle to approve the invoice for Maguire Iron for \$491,747.63. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Breann to approve the invoice to Moore Engineering for. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Chris to approve the invoice to Quam Construction for . Motion carried.

Street work is very expensive. The Department of Commerce has Governor's Fund Money (CDBG Grants) available for street work. We could apply for \$300,000 as we are eligible due to the fact we are a low-income community. We should make a decision in October if we want to apply. Moore Engineering will put together a map of the streets that still need to be done. There is also a ND Infrastructure Loan at 2% interest. There is 19 million dollars of fund available right now.

Buildings & Grounds

Nothing to report.

Zoning Committee

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee

Nothing to report

Auditors Report

Motion by Chris, seconded by Tom to approve the following bills for payment. Motion carried.

Dakota General	Supplies	-3.87	
Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-9,515.20	
Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center	Donation - Yearly	-250.00	
Mdu	Utilities	-3,661.97	
Centennial Insurance	Insurance Wheat Harvest Jamboree	-423.00	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-1,970.23	
One Call Concepts	Call Tickets	-24.65	
Gaffaneys Floral	Flowers Funeral	-101.18	
AFLAC	Insurance	-369.42	
Fitterer Oil	Gas/Fuel	-626.93	
City Of Dickinson	Landfill Charges	-1,823.00	
Express Stop	Fuel	-447.22	
Ameripride	Rug Cleaning	-97.11	
Consolidated	City Hall Phone	-369.42	
Consolidated	Ambulance Phone	-52.83	
Sanford Healthcare Accessories	Elevator Repair memorial hall	-268.80	
Country Media	Ads/Minutes	-155.94	
East End Auto & Truck Parts	Tow 2 Vehicles	-250.00	

Motion by Tom, seconded by Josh to approve the Pledge of Securities from American Bank Center.
Motion carried.

Old Business

We received a bid for an underground sprinkler system for the front of the Memorial Hall for \$3,600.
Motion by Chris, seconded by Josh to table this item. Motion carried.

New Business

Bill Gion was present to introduce himself to the City Council. Bill is running for County Commissioner. He just finished his 18th and final year on the school board. If elected, Bill is willing to coordinate and discuss issues with the City Council. We can email him with any questions we may have as well as calling him; Bill would make himself available to anyone that would like to discuss issues. Bill has attended the last couple county commissioners' meetings.

Discussed blocking off the streets for the Wheat Harvest Jamboree. The street will be closed from the alley to the West of Hanks Place. Blocking off Main Street by the Memorial Hall for the vendor show is denied. We will rope off the rest of Main Street like we have always done.

In the future the city would like to be updated and to be informed about Wheat Harvest Jamboree events to assist the council in making decisions. Railway Street from Main Street to 1st Ave West will also be closed as a safety issue.

Council Comments

Nothing to report

Motion by Josh, seconded by Chris to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor

City Auditor