

Regular City Council Meeting

12-3-18

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

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

Excused: Chris Fitterer

Motion by Josh, seconded by Lyle to approve the November 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. There were 21 calls for service. There were a few investigations, an aggravated assault, eluding law enforcement, and a domestic. There has been an individual who has been driving a mini bike around town at night with no lights on. Sheriff Warner will talk to this individual. We are still having issues with an individual in town that is feeding the cats. This person is going to court over the issue. This individual was seen again feeding the cats and another complaint will be signed if it needs to be. If any council member has any issues during the month they are welcome to call the Sheriff's Department and discuss the issues with Sheriff Warner. Sheriff Warner introduced a new Deputy. He will be living in New England. There will also be another Deputy starting soon and she will be living in New England as well. Motion by Tom, seconded by Breann to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

Nothing to report.

Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission would like to change the fee schedule for building permits. It is very extensive and would take into account many factors other than the cost of materials. The council can look at the recommendations and this will be on the agenda for next meeting.

Street & Lights

If Clarence gets a chance, he can back drag the street to the South of the city shop.

Equipment

Discussed purchasing a new garbage truck. It would cost \$20,000 for a new arm to dump garbage cans if we still used our compactor. There are new garbage trucks that already have the capability to pick up garbage cans with a tipper bar. The council discussed different types of trucks and what would be most beneficial for our city. Discussed the differences between a side dump and rear dump. Loading the dumpsters is a concern as well and we must have the capability to dump the dumpsters. Discussed warranty information and whether we may be able to trade in the garbage truck or maybe someone would be interested in purchasing the garbage truck we currently have. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Buildings & Grounds

Butch Frank put up a lighted tree at the Memorial Hall and it looks very nice.

Zoning Committee

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee

The only changes to come up so far is with the zoning ordinances. If there are any other changes to ordinances needed, contact Tom before the next city council meeting.

Water & Sewer

Phase 3

The contactors schedule for coating and site work will be done during the spring. Quam's remaining work to be done is seal coating, curb painting and striping. This will be done during the spring as well.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Josh to approve Change Order 4 for fine grading. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Josh to approve payment #5 to Quam Construction for \$22,712.05. Motion carried.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Renee to approve Invoice 20010 to Moore Engineering for \$4,945.00. Motion carried.

We are currently working on the application for Phase 4.

The CDBG application for a \$300,000 grant for street work was not awarded but we are next on the priority list. We can still get low interest loan money.

We could tack on more street work in Phase 4. We are looking at \$20,000 per block and could do approximately 10-15 blocks.

Auditors Report

Motion by Breann, seconded by Josh to approve the following bills for payment. Motion carried.

AFLAC	Insurance	-369.42
Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-7,387.47
Virtuoso Leidholm Consulting LLC	Website Maintenance	-100.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-1,970.23
Consolidated	City Hall Phone	-369.90
Consolidated	Ambulance Phone	-53.09
City Of Dickinson	Landfill Charges	-1,551.00
Express Stop	Fuel	-420.80
ND Water Users Association	Dues	-100.00
Fitterer Oil	Gas/Fuel	-664.46
Michael Todd Company	Snow Blades	-751.48
Tri County LLC	Supplies	-367.80
Country Media	Ads/Minutes	-15.84
Slope Electric	Street Light Charges	-660.00
Midwest Doors Of Dickinson	New Adapter Plate City Hall East Door	-553.79
Ellingson Plumbing & Heating	Fix Furnaces at Memorial Hall	-975.89
Martins Welding & Refrigeration, INC	Fix Furnace at Library	-394.43
ND Water And Pollution Control Conf.	Clarence Wastewater Training	-20.00
Southwest Grain	Qwiklift	-77.35
MDU	Utilities	-4,208.32

New Business

Motion by Josh, seconded by Breann to approve the gambling permit from New England Public School. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Breann to approve the Beer & Liquor License from Hanks Place LLC. Motion carried 4-0 with Josh abstaining.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Breann to approve the special liquor permit for Hanks Place LLC for the Schwartz Construction Christmas Party. Motion carried 4-0 with Josh abstaining.

Christmas bonus is the same as last year.

Wage review was done by the City Council. Wage increase approved at roughly 3% for all employees.

SW Water Authority has raised water rates over the past 2 years by roughly \$1.00 per thousand gallons. The council discussed that the city does need to keep up with the price increases from SW Water Authority as we do have a water & sewer project to pay back. Motion by Josh, seconded by Lyle to approve a water rate increase of \$1.70 per 1,000 gallons. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Beer & Liquor license fees will be added to the agenda next month.

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

Mayor

City Auditor