

Regular City Council Meeting

6-4-18

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

Present: Tom Gorek, Lyle Kovar, Frank Schmidt, Butch Frank

Excused: Chris Fitterer

Motion by Tom, seconded by Butch to approve the May 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. Various calls and complaints this month for the City of New England. The County Police Department has an agreement with the school to bring drug dogs into the school. The court services contract has been completed and signed by all parties. The County Police Department will now be able to enforce our ordinances and give tickets accordingly. Sheriff Warner informed the council that our City Attorney will need to get involved as they will have to write a summons for infractions. The Mayor will talk to our City Attorney to see what all is involved with this process. This was news to the City Council on this part of the process. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Tom to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

Mayors Report
Nothing to report

Street & Lights
The council declined putting in a child at play sign for one family.

Water & Sewer
Jaren Klabunde from Moore Engineering will be working with the City of New England in Phase 3. He is in the Bismarck office and has been assigned to New England. We have worked with him in the past and he is a very capable engineer.

Phase 2
The project punch list will be completed by Quam Construction when they arrive for Phase 3. Moore Engineering should look at McKenzie & 10th (Valley Gutter) & 4th Ave and 6th St. (Erosion).

Phase 3
Construction Contracts have been signed by Maguire Iron, Inc. for the Water Tower. This is Part A. Construction Contracts have been signed by Quam Construction for the underground work. This is Part B. Rural Development is reviewing the contracts.
Discussed traffic control and safety issues around the school. More signage is needed; especially with no parking signs, so drivers have better vision when turning off 12th Street.

The pre-construction meeting for Phase 3 is Thursday June 14th at 930 am (MDT) at the meeting room.

USDA will only allow us to carry 20% contingencies. MR&I, CDBG and USDA grants will pay for 80% of the Phase 3 project.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Tom to approve Invoice 18531 for \$14,790.90 to Moore Engineering.
Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds
Nothing to report

Zoning Committee

Shelly Wolf and Larry Shinaberry were both interested in the vacant position on the Zoning Board. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Butch to appoint Shelly Wolf to the Zoning Board. Motion carried 4-1 with Frank Schmidt voting nay.

Equipment Committee

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Tom to put the yellow tractor and bush hog mower up for bids at a minimum of \$4,000 with bids to be opened at the July meeting. Motion carried.

Ordinance Committee

Motion by Butch, seconded by Lyle to approve the 2nd reading of the amended zoning ordinance pertaining to trailers. Motion carried.

Auditors Report

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

Helena Chemical	Unison	-91.25
Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-9,265.87
Butler	Nuts & Bolts	-65.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-1,970.23
Nelson International	Part - Garbage Truck	-78.86
Country Media	Ads/Minutes	-240.56
Runnings	Supplies	-57.53
Dakota General	Supplies	-236.30
AFLAC	Insurance	-369.42
Mdu	Utilities	-3,461.40
Share Corp	Dynasty	-558.30
Centennial Insurance	Yearly Insurance	-12,010.00
Postmaster	Postage	-154.00
Rebel Welding	Carb Kit	-80.00
Consolidated	City Hall Phone	-380.74
Consolidated	Ambulance Phone	-52.88
Ameripride	Rug Cleaning	-213.98
One Call Concepts	Call Tickets	-7.20
City Of Dickinson	Landfill Charges	-1,779.36
One Call Concepts	Call Tickets	-7.20
Michael Todd Company	gutter Broom Sweeper	-902.13
Southwestern Dist. Health Unit	Water Samples	-60.00

The reorganizational meeting is on Tuesday June 26th at 7 pm.

Old Business

Motion by Tom, seconded by Frank to approve D&D to install an underground sprinkler system at the Memorial Hall. Motion carried.

Motion by Butch, seconded by Lyle to approve Scott Schmidt to take down the big pine tree at the Memorial Hall. Motion carried.

Kelly Koppinger superintendent at New England Public School was present to discuss the land purchase from the City of New England. Handouts were presented to the council on a city land purchase with a joint powers agreement that was done at a previous school.

The school would like to purchase 3 acres of land at \$5,000 per acre and go into a joint powers agreement with the city & Park Board on approximately an additional 7 acres which would include the football and baseball field. The school would provide maintenance during the school year. Kelly is looking for a consensus from the council for this proposal. The council unanimously came to a consensus that they would be willing to sell 3 acres at \$5,000 and go into a joint powers agreement on approximately 7 acres.

The city agreed to allow the Wheat Harvest Jamboree dance to be held in the City Shop. It was suggested a deposit of \$500 would be needed in case there was extra cleanup that needed to be done. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Tom to approve the Wheat Harvest Jamboree dance at the City Shop with a \$500 deposit. Motion carried.

Mayor Opdahl gave the council a copy of a letter that will be going to residents about cleaning up their property. It is a request to residents to clean up their property. The unsightly yards are a safety hazard and it devalues the property. The council gave the approval to move forward with the process.

New Business

Kristin Stecher was present to give the quarterly Library report. Kristin Stecher is a new board member and President. Annual reports have been completed and sent to the state library. The New England Legion will once again support the book leasing program for this year. Story hour was held through the winter months. The book club met all winter. The Library received a grant from Monsanto for \$2,500. The Library also received a grant from the NECF for \$4,350 to be awarded in June. There will be new shelving for the adult room in the fall and there was a bounce castle for the kids to start the summer reading program.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Tom to approve the special liquor permit for Hanks Place for the Monke Anniversary and the Wheat Harvest Jamboree dance. Motion carried

A city sales tax application was received from the Rabbit Hole Thrift Store. The recommendation from the Sales Tax Committee was to give \$0.00. Vivian Hernandez was present at the meeting to give some more information to the council that shed some light on the application and the Rabbit Hole Thrift Store. It is a non-profit store and helps assist the daycare as well. They help with the industry program at the Correctional Center with supplies and donate many items to the House of Manna. It was also stated that the previous thrift store was given \$2,500 from the Sales Tax Committee. Motion by Butch, seconded by Lyle to approve the sales tax application from the Rabbit Hole Thrift Store for \$2,000. Motion carried 3-1 with Frank voting nay.

Motion by Butch, seconded by Frank to approve the transient merchant license for Hank's Place (Wurst Wagon) at \$25 per day when the Wurst Wagon is at Hank's Place; license valid for 100 days with the stipulation the Wurst Wagon cannot be parked on the street. Motion carried.

The city website was previewed by the City Council. It is not complete but should be up and running within a month. We are adding the capability of paying your utility bill online and that will take a little time to get on the website.

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

Mayor

City Auditor