

Regular City Council Meeting

11-4-18

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

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

Excused: Chris Fitterer & Breanne Krebs

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

There was no county policing report this month.

Mayors Report

There was a citation issued for the person who is feeding the cats in town. We will monitor the situation.

Zoning Commission

There was 1 building permit for Jessie Bautz. This is for a storage building.

Some houses have construction going on (inside work) and they have not gotten a building permit.

The Zoning Commission decided that a permit will not be issued until a signed contract with an inspector is presented to the Zoning Commission.

Street & Lights

Auditor will talk to Clarence about back dragging the area to the South of the city shop that has been milled up.

Water & Sewer

Phase 2

The project punch list is completed, and Phase 2 is completed.

Phase 3

Melissa from Moore Engineering presented the engineering report. Motion by Josh, seconded by Tom to approve Change Order #3 from Quam Construction for seal coat and striping items. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Lyle to approve payment #5 to Maguire Iron for \$379,574.14. Motion carried.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Lyle to approve payment #4 to Quam Construction for \$232,955.20. Motion carried.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Tom to approve Invoice 19777 to Moore Engineering for \$42,590.03. Motion carried.

The water tower logo will have custom orange to match the color of the school's orange. The logo will be centered at 0 degrees and the New England lettering will be centered at 120 degrees. The council agreed on where the logo and New England lettering will be placed on the water tower.

The street improvement project has an estimated cost of \$2,300,000. The CDBG application and the Bank of ND funding application have been submitted.

Phase 4

The project map was presented for Phase 4.

The CWSRF questionnaire for sanitary sewer, storm sewer system and water treatment have been submitted. This puts us on the list for future loans.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Lyle to give approval to Moore Engineering to submit for funding of \$2,070,000 for Phase 4 with extensions as discussed. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds

Butch Frank proposed putting up decorations at the Memorial Hall for Christmas. Council gave permission to Butch to proceed.

Voting will be at the school and not the Memorial Hall this year.

Zoning Committee

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee

Nothing to report

Auditors Report

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

MDU	Utilities	-3,695.36
Runnings	Snow Fence	-231.88
AFLAC	Insurance	-369.42
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-1,970.23
Fitterer Oil	Gas/Fuel	-760.97
Black Mountain Software	Utility Billing Maintenance	-1,833.00
Consolidated	Ambulance Phone	-53.09
Consolidated	City Hall Phone	-369.82
Dakota General	Supplies	-129.86
Country Media	Ads/Minutes	-135.96
Express Stop	Fuel	-561.99
Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-7,689.16
City Of Dickinson	Landfill Charges	-2,129.53
One Call Concepts	Call Tickets	-16.80
Fisher Sand & Gravel	Sand	-535.73
Ameripride	Rug Cleaning	-103.30
The Herald	2 Year Subscription	-75.00
Mdu	Utilities	-4,007.99
Postmaster	Postage	-151.00
ND Rural Water Systems	Dues	-240.00

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

Old Business

The council discussed the possibility of purchasing a new garbage truck or a new chassis and transferring the compactor on our current garbage truck to a new chassis. A new garbage truck could cost \$180,000 while a new chassis could run from \$95,000 to \$105,000. There would be costs to transfer the compactor to a new chassis. The council is interested in purchasing garbage cans for the residents that can be picked up with an arm on the garbage truck. The cost of each garbage can is roughly \$42.00. The council had a few more questions that need to be answered before making a decision. This item will be put on the agenda for next month to discuss in more detail.

New Business

Mark Koller & Pat Rafferty were present to discuss the 1st Congregational Church. The church is no longer in service and they would like to move the sign out to the New England Cemetary. It can be dug out with a back hoe. They would like a remembrance of the church. It was the consensus of the council that the sign should be moved out to the New England Cemetery. If there is any help needed from the city we will provide that help. It was suggested to purchase a plaque with the dates of service for the 1st Congregational Church.

The intersection on 12th street by the school is a dangerous intersection and many people either go through the stop signs on purpose or do not see the stop signs. The Auditor asked about purchasing 2 solar powered blinking stop signs to install by the school. If we can prevent one accident from happening, it would be worth the cost of the signs. The council would also like to purchase some no parking from here to corner signs. Motion by Josh, seconded by Tom to approve the purchase of the solar powered stop signs and the no parking here to corner signs. Motion carried.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Renee to approve the special liquor permit from the Golden West Bar for the Theatre Group's play. Motion carried.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Tom to approve amendment #6 to our water service contract with SW Water. Motion carried.

Council Comments

The Library Board is requesting a copy of the insurance information and insurance limits on the Library. The Auditor will provide them with a copy of our insurance form.

The council discussed the cat issues in town. No determination was made on the best method to control the feral cat situation.

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

Mayor

City Auditor