

## Regular City Council Meeting

**2-04-19**

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

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

Excused: Josh Smith

Motion by Breann, seconded by Renee to approve the January 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. There was a voluntary committal, MIC, false identification, trespassing, theft x2, and gas theft. A question was asked; where do the fines go if someone gets pulled over outside of city limits? The fines go to the common trust fund. Only if someone is fined in city limits does the city get a certain percent of the fine. Motion by Tom, seconded by Breann to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

### Mayors Report

The Mayor gave a legislative update. Bill 1375 – city candidates must show political party on application. Bill 1390 – Limiting assessed value on property taxes. Bill 1182 – Legislators trying to cap assessed value and taxes. Bill 1382 – Related to mill levy limitations for cemeteries. Bill 1474 – Deals with home rule – could levy an infrastructure tax instead of special assessments. Bill 1379 – Deals with budget done by July for cities. Bill 1239 – Gives the ability to raise fines. These are a few of the bills that could affect our city and are ones to keep an eye on.

Chris and Marty attended the meeting in Bismarck on the topic of the DWCR. The council discussed the situation.

### Zoning Commission

Discussed a public hearing and if we need a public hearing to change the zoning ordinances. Century Code and our zoning ordinances state we need a public hearing to change zoning ordinances. A suggestion was to take the zoning ordinances out of the ordinance book; it could be a stand-alone ordinance. We could have the 1st reading in March and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in April to remove the zoning ordinances from the city ordinance book. We will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

### Street & Lights

The street lights for the south end of Main Street are in. When the weather cooperates they will be installed.

A resident asked to remove the 4 way stop signs south of the Post Office. There used to be yield signs on two sides of the street. The 4 way stop was put in to slow people down due to kids in the area. No changes will be made.

### Equipment

The pusher for snow works very well and was a great investment. The spring is broke on the snow plow. Discussed a blade for the loader. If we ever do something with the loader, we should look at a plow or blade to move snow. We are good for equipment at this point in time.

Buildings & Grounds

Nothing to report

Zoning Committee

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee

Motion by Breann, seconded by Chris to table the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the 2019 ordinances. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer

Nothing to report

Auditors Report

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

MDU	Utilities	-4,931.67
Workforce Safety & Insurance	Workmen's Compensation	-1,510.20
Dave's Quality Carpet Care	Carpet Cleaning - Library	-200.00
Virtuoso Leidholm Consulting	Website Maintenance	-125.00
AFLAC	Insurance	-369.42
Ameripride	Rug Cleaning	-105.27
State Fire & Tornado Fund	Building Insurance	-17.90
Core & Main	Battery for Water Reader	-62.93
Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-9,401.45
Country Media	Ads/Minutes	-192.48
Dakota General	Supplies	-62.88
Express Stop	Fuel	-399.57
Postmaster	Postage	-160.00
Fisher Sand & Gravel	Sand	-580.81
Tri County	Parts	-246.99
One Call Concepts	Call Tickets	-1.20
Powerline Industries, Inc.	Parts & chemical sewer lift	-296.38
City Of Dickinson	Landfill Charges	-1,571.21
QBS Safeguard	Water bill Cards	-402.94

Old Business

We received a new bid for an L-9 Freightliner garbage truck. The bid is \$174,647.00. We would get a trade in of \$25,000 for our current garbage truck. We can barter to see if we could get a higher price. A service contract is needed and Freightliner is good for that. Discussed financing of the truck. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Breanne to purchase the garbage truck, draw the equipment fund down to \$100,000 and finance the remaining amount through Kinetic Leasing. Motion carried.

We will get garbage cans in the future. We should charge \$1.00 per month to cover the cost of the garbage cans. We should have some smaller garbage cans available too.

New Business

Don Urlacher was present to discuss the Kary Dam Project. Don is on the Hettinger County Water Board. By February 22<sup>nd</sup> the HCWB has to have 90% completion from the engineers hired in order to approach the State Water Commission on funding. We are in year 2 of the 3-5 year plan. The HCWB is asking for some financial assistance from the City of New England for the 25% cost share over a 3 year span. We are looking at a \$30,000 - \$40,000 total commitment that could be paid over 3 years. The US Fish & Wildlife, Hettinger County and a couple other entities could be giving funds as well. Kary Dam is part of our risk mitigation plan and is vital to the stability of New England. We would need the financial commitment by July. The City of New England is confident we will be able to help in the 25% cost share.

Council Comments

The school has a new bus route in the mornings and is picking up kids in town. This will help eliminate some of the traffic congestion.

Milk is coming out of the school and is being given to a resident to feed cats. Mayor Opdahl will visit with the school on this issue.

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

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Mayor

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City Auditor