

Regular City Council Meeting

1-07-19

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

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

Excused: Breann Krebs

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

The county policing report was presented by the Hettinger County Deputy. A new Deputy was introduced to the City Council. The Deputy will be living in New England. We now have 3 Deputies living in New England. There were 2 disorderly conducts, 2 sexual assaults, and a violation of a no conduct order. The cat feeder is still feeding the cats. Someone at the meeting has witnessed the feeding and would like the individual charged again. Feeding of feral cats is a violation of our city ordinance. There are trailers parked in the streets. The Deputies will tag these trailers. If they are not moved within 48 hours, East End Auto will be contacted and they will be towed. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Tom to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

The Mayor attended a meeting at the Law Enforcement Center that dealt with DWCR. Most of the area legislators were there and it is very evident that the area legislators do not want DWCR to close. There would have to be an amendment to the budget to actually introduce the idea of closing DWCR. The city may have to get involved in future hearings.

Zoning Commission

Nothing to report

Street & Lights

A resident was present to discuss the plowing of snow at 8:30 pm on December 26th. The driveway was full and the resident had to go to work early in the morning. The resident is asking for a compromise on the issue. It is possible that we can move some of the snow to the other side of the street so it is not filling up the driveway so much. Josh and Clarence will take a look at it and try to come up with a solution.

The light poles on the South end of Main Street will be in shortly and they will be put in as soon as they are received.

Equipment

Clarence is looking into purchasing a snow pusher. There is a used one in Dickinson for \$1,450. The council discussed the differences and benefits of rubber compared to metal. This would be more efficient to move snow, especially at the Emergency Services Center. The council suggested purchasing an 8 footer instead of a 6 footer. Motion by Tom, seconded by Josh to give Clarence the latitude to purchase a snow pusher up to \$2,600.00. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds

Nothing to report

Zoning Committee

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee

There were only changes to the Zoning Ordinances that were presented by the Zoning Commission. Motion by Josh, seconded by Lyle to approve the 1st reading of the updated 2019 ordinances. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer

Motion by Josh, seconded by Chris to approve Invoice 20147 to Moore Engineering for \$7,760.15. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Josh to approve payment to Roosevelt Custer for CDBG administration for \$13,882.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Josh to approve payment to Arnston, Stewart & Wegner for \$6,623.38. Motion carried.

Phase 4 – 95% of the application is done. The government shutdown is delaying the funding. We could put some street work into Phase 4.

The Bank of ND funding application for a \$300,000 loan is approved if we need it.

Auditors Report

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

Ameripride	Rug Cleaning	-117.60
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-1,970.23
AFLAC	Insurance	-369.42
Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-3,738.48
Postmaster	Postage	-155.00
Dakota General	Supplies	-94.37
Southwestern Dist. Health Unit	Water Samples	-60.00
SBM	Supplies	-31.70
Consolidated	City Hall Phone	-372.81
Consolidated	Ambulance Phone	-53.08
Fitterer Oil	Gas/Fuel	-745.68
Express Stop	Fuel	-438.81
Workforce Safety & Insurance	Workmen's Comp	-250.00
City Of Dickinson	Landfill Charges	-1,707.98
One Call Concepts	Call Tickets	-3.05
Country Media	Ads/Minutes	-136.38
Butler	Bulbs	-4.36
Dakota Pump Inc.	Transducer	-160.53

Old Business

The council discussed purchasing a new garbage truck. An individual came down and looked at our old truck. He will give us a quote on what we could receive on a trade in. It was suggested to purchase a new truck that already has the tipper on it. We would purchase new garbage cans which we would roll to the truck and hook it up. A new truck would dump the cans for us. We could have different size garbage cans. If we purchase a 25 yard garbage truck it would save us 2 or 3 trips per month to Dickinson which would result in a big savings for the city and eliminate excessive wear and tear on the garbage truck. In Bismarck the garbage cans are numbered and if they get returned when people move there is no charge. This may be something we look at as an option for the City of New England. Josh would like the bid sheet to stay with an L-9 Cummings. A service contract should be on the bid as well as a 5 year extended warranty on the bed. GCW – 56,000 lbs used for residential garbage and include the trade in value on our old truck. Legally we do need to put the garbage truck out on bids. Motion by Josh, seconded by Lyle to advertise for bids for a new garbage truck with the bid specs that the council would like to see. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Josh to approve the gambling permit for the New England Lions Club. Motion carried.

Diana Zietz submitted an abatement for taxes for a trailer that is no longer in the trailer court. The trailer had been moved some time ago so the trailer should no longer be taxed. Motion by Chris, seconded by Renee to approve the request for an abatement of taxes for Diana Zietz. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Renee to approve the beer license for the Broken Brick. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Renee to approve the beer & liquor license for the Golden West Bar. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris, seconded by Renee to approve the beer & Liquor license for the Express Stop. Motion carried.

The council discussed the beer & liquor license fees. The fees in Mott and Regent are lower than the fees in New England. A beer license is \$200 and a liquor license is \$1,100 in the City of New England. The council felt that the fees are fair and we will keep them the same.

Council Comments

Doug Burgum came out with his Main Street Initiative. The Mayor asked the council to take a look at his Main Street Initiative online.

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

Mayor

City Auditor