

Regular City Council Meeting

4-1-19

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

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

Excused: None

Motion by Josh, seconded by Breann to approve the March 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

Mayor Opdahl discussed some of the legislative items that are of concern to the city. House bill 356 raised the limit to \$200,000 for a project to have to be put on bids. There were no funds given at this time to make Highway 85 a 4-lane highway. The Bank of North Dakota Infrastructure Fund is still being discussed. The Prairie Dog Bill did pass; however, we will not be seeing any money until 2020.

Lyle, Jason and Mayor Opdahl attended a hazard mitigation meeting at the Memorial Hall. There have been many meetings and our city will now be able to get FEMA grants. There are other projects as well that the city may be able to get funding for such as obtaining a generator in case of a natural disaster.

Zoning Commission

The Zoning Commission did some housekeeping items on the zoning ordinance. We will have to hold a public hearing and a 1st and 2nd reading will be needed to approve the changes. Any structure changes or anything requiring an inspection will need a building permit.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. In February there were 35 calls for service. Investigations included motor vehicle theft, harassment, terrorizing, GSI, disorderly conduct, fleeing, DUI and theft. In March there were 16 calls for service. Investigations included juvenile drug complaint, tobacco compliance check with 2 businesses failing, no contact order, domestic, DUI, theft and terrorizing. There is a car on 3rd Ave East that will get tagged. A council member will try to talk with a family member to get the vehicle moved before we have to tow the vehicle. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Breann to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

Water & Sewer

Phase 3

Motion by Josh, seconded by Chris to table Maguire Iron's request for an extension. Motion carried.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Chris to change the proposal request for an additional \$33.00 per ton for the seal coat oil. Motion carried.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Tom to approve change order #5. Motion carried. 5-1 with Chris voting nay.

A question was asked if we can use leftover money on Phase 3 for crack sealing of the Phase 1 roads. Moore will get a quote on crack sealing on approval from the City Council. Moore will check to see if we are able to use the leftover money on crack sealing.

Phase 4

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Josh to approve Invoice 20661 for \$86,000. Motion carried 5-1 with Chris voting nay.

Moore Engineering will get an estimated yardage of asphalt at the landfill. The city would like to crush this to be able to use in the future. The city will have to hire someone to crush the asphalt.

The timeline is unknown on Phase 4 as we are still waiting on funds from the Federal Government.

Street & Lights

Nothing to report

Equipment

Nothing to report

Buildings & Grounds

Discussion was held on people and groups leaving items at the Memorial Hall and not removing items when they are done. There has been food left in Styrofoam containers on the counter, garbage, and many other items just left. City employees will start to throw things away regardless of what it is unless things are removed in an appropriate time. Discussed the possibility of requiring a deposit before using the Memorial Hall. This has been an issue for years, but its starting to get worse as people think the Memorial Hall is their own personal storage facility. Breann will create some guidelines for people to follow when they are renting the Memorial Hall.

Discussed parking issue in the back of the Memorial Hall. People are parking on the lawn in the back of the Memorial Hall and we have recently installed an underground sprinkling system. The council gave permission to put up a small fence in the back to eliminate people parking on the grass.

Zoning Committee

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee

Motion by Breann, seconded by Renee to approve the 2nd reading of the 2019 ordinances. A roll call vote was taken and the 2nd reading of the 2019 ordinances was unanimously approved.

Auditors Report

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

AFLAC	Insurance	-369.42
Dakota General	Supplies	-56.97
Southwestern Dist. Health Unit	Water Samples	-60.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-2,063.72
Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-7,744.07
Virtuoso Leidholm Consulting	Website Maintenance	-125.00
Mdu	Utilities	-4,083.88
Postmaster	Postage	-160.00
Hettinger County Auditor	Assessors Fee 2019	-500.00
Express Stop	Fuel	-983.48
Consolidated	City Hall Phone	-374.67
Consolidated	Ambulance Phone	-52.93
Fitterer Oil	Gas/Fuel	-918.95
SBM	Printer	-339.00

Ameripride	Rug Cleaning	-106.01
City of Dickinson	Landfill Charges	-1,743.23
New England Rural Fire Protection District	1/2 Utilities Fire Hall	-4,090.14
Hanson Plumbing & Excavating	Fix Sink at Memorial Hall	-65.00

New Business

The city replaced the street lights on the South end of Main Street. MDU is replacing all of the bulbs in the residential area. The city owns the street lights on Main Street and it is suggested that we replace the bulbs on the rest of Main Street so they match the bulbs on the South end of Main Street. The entire town would have LED light bulbs and would reduce the cost of electricity for the city. Clarence did get prices per bulb. If we went with 110's the cost would be \$8,320 for the bulbs and if we went with 90's the cost would be \$7,540. We will do some more research to see if we can get a lower price on the bulbs. Motion by Breann, seconded by Chris to approve replacing the bulbs on the rest of Main Street for the cost of \$8,320 unless we can find a better price. Motion carried.

There were flag holders on the old poles but there are not flag holders on the new light poles. We will contact Berger Electric and investigate why flag holders are not on the new poles.

Motion by Breann, seconded by Chris to adopt a new resolution that enables the City Auditor to approve special liquor permits and gambling permits. Motion carried. Any permit that is approved will be presented to the City Council at the following city council meeting.

Council Comments

Discussed crack sealing as we need to start thinking about a maintenance program for crack sealing in the City of New England.

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

Mayor

City Auditor