

Regular City Council Meeting

6-3-19

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 May 2019 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. There were 16 calls for service. Domestic, vandalism, stolen vehicle, runaway juvenile (3) and theft of property were included in the 16 calls. A council member witnessed a citizen feeding feral cats. The council member wants to file a complaint. A Deputy will come to visit with the council member and obtain the complaint and forward it to our city attorney. The council discussed how to get rid of feral cats, as this could take years. The food source is a major reason cats are here. We could trap them and relocate them. There are now a family of raccoons and a skunk eating off of the pile of food. Rabies could be an issue.

Clarence asked about residents cutting their grass and blowing it into the streets. We do have an ordinance that prohibits this. The storm sewers get plugged when too much debris gets in them. We would have to go to our city attorney and possibly to district court if we wanted to cite someone. A council member suggests talking with residents about the issue before we get our city attorney involved. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Josh to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

There was a boat in the landfill and the perpetrator was at our meeting. One of our workers gave permission to put the boat in the landfill. The concern is that our landfill will be filling up too fast and we only have one more spot to dig a pit.

Zoning Commission

Keith Hughes – New mobile home. Motion by Josh, seconded by Breann to approve the building permit upon approval of the variance. Motion carried.

Howard Schiwal – Shed

Leaonard Gartner – Fence

Motion by Josh, seconded by Chris to approve the building permits.

Wehner – Tear down house and add modular style home. The zoning board recommends to approve if a variance is received. Motion by Josh, seconded by Chris to approve the permit pending approval of a variance. Motion carried.

Maurice Pooler – Would like to split his property into 3 lots and put in a street on the end of 13th Street. There is a section of 13th Street that is unfinished. Another concern is the natural drainage. Before we go any further a preliminary plat has to be done and submitted to the Zoning Board. However, the consensus from the council is to say yes to improving 13th Street.

The Zoning Board has updated their ordinances. There will be a public hearing advertised as well.

Water & Sewer

Phase 3

The remaining items from Phase 3 are the coating and site work. There is a punch list of items that include crack sealing, seal coat, curb painting, striping and sanitary service.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Breann to approve Change Order #5. Motion carried.

Discussed curb painting by the school to help alleviate the parking problems. The council would like Moore Engineering's recommendation on how far we should go back to paint the curbs.

The remaining contingencies are approximately \$130,000 to \$150,000.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Breann to approve Invoice 21128 to Moore Engineering for \$19,838.90. Motion carried.

Phase 4

Motion by Josh, seconded by Breann to approve Invoice 21131 to Moore Engineering for \$9,750.00. Motion carried.

The timing is unknown for the start of Phase 4 as we are waiting on a letter of conditions from Rural Development.

Street Improvement Project

The Bank of North Dakota is accepting applications for low interest loan money until July 1st. The suggestion from our Engineer is to apply for the funds. We don't have to accept the funds even if they are awarded but as there is money there at this time we should apply for them. The funds may not be available in the future. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Renee to apply for 2.2 million in loans from the Bank of North Dakota. Motion carried.

Street & Lights

It is \$475.00 a piece for the flag holders to be installed on the south end of Main Street. That is too expensive. Jerry Rebel will build the flag pole holders in exchange for a few light poles.

Berger Electric gave an incorrect quote for the rest of the Main Street lights. Lyle's recommendation is to go with MDU replacement lights. The council agreed and this is already approved so the Auditor will get the lights ordered.

Buildings & Grounds

There is a drawer, light and a ceiling tile that needs to be fixed at the Memorial Hall. Clarence will look into these items. Josh is helping Breann with fixing the cement bench. Breann is helping the Women's Club with planting flowers and watering flowers.

Zoning Committee

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee

Nothing to report

Equipment Committee

Nothing to report

Auditors Report

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

Border States Industries	Photo Cell	-8.94
Virtuoso Leidholm Consulting LLC	Website Maintenance	-125.00
AFLAC	Insurance	-369.42
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-2,402.34
MDU	Utilities	-197.34
Dakota General	Supplies	-9.99
Fitterer Oil	Gas/Fuel	-554.63
Consolidated	City Hall Phone	-366.42
Consolidated	Ambulance Phone	-52.93
Express Stop	Fuel	-279.39
Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-7,680.27
Tri County LLC	Supplies	-122.98
Southwest Grain	Qwiklift	-106.80
Country Media	Ads/Minutes	-302.64
One Call Concepts	Call Tickets	-9.05
City Of Dickinson	Landfill Charges	-2,112.18
Nelson International	Garbage Truck Repairs	-527.77
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-2,402.34
Dakota Pump & Control	Sewer Lift Float Repair	-250.00

New Business

At this time we have a 6 month permit to bring food trucks into town. The permit only allows them to come into town, not to park on the street. Josh would like anything decided on food trucks to be put into an ordinance so there is clarity on what the council has decided.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Breann to allow Gunners food truck to come into town. This permit is for Hank's Place. Motion carried 5-0 with Josh abstaining.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Breann to approve the bond of City Auditor. Motion carried.

Motion by Josh, seconded by Lyle to approve the gambling permit for Schwartz Construction for the glow run. Motion carried.

Council Comments

None

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

Mayor

City Auditor