

## Regular City Council Meeting

January 6, 2020

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

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

Excused: Josh Smith

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Tom to approve the December 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### Mayors Report

There is some graffiti on the bathrooms North of the school. The Park Board oversees the bathrooms.

### Water & Sewer

In the Street Improvement Project, if we redo the dirt roads in the NW part of town we should keep in mind that we may need a new water and sewer line in that area.

The surveying that was done around New England is for the school project. We are waiting on a response from Rural Development on approval of usage on the remaining funds for Phase 3.

### Phase 4

For Phase 4 there will be Part A and Part B at the bid letting. This will be Phase 4 water and sewer and the Street Improvement Project. We may or may not be ready to bid by the February meeting.

We may have to bid some items on an alternate contract. Two examples are the school and the gravel streets.

To upgrade from gravel to pavement will cost quite a bit of money.

Discussed cost sharing with the school on engineering fees. We would probably assess the cost to the school for their share.

Moore Engineering is 95% done with the plans.

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Chris to approve the engineering contract with Moore Engineering. The percentage is 15.61% and the construction services are hourly. Motion carried.

Motion by Renee, seconded by Breann to approve the plans and specifications and authorizing to advertise for bids. Motion carried.

The Energy and Infrastructure Impact Grant Application needs to be re-applied for. There is no risk or cost associated with re-applying. Motion by Lyle, seconded by Tom, to re-apply for the Energy and Infrastructure Impact Grant. Motion carried.

Discussed adjacent land owners of gravel roads in New England and the possible cost to them if we upgrade the gravel roads.

### Street & Lights

Discussed the city street going North to Topline. Discussed the possibility of closing the street and giving it to Topline. We would not need to maintain this road if the city does not own it. Discussed if it is legal to give a city street to someone or even sell a city street to someone. No decision was made but we will keep it on the forefront.

### Equipment

DOT purchased a new blade. Lyle is waiting for a response to see how much their old blade is. We will keep this in mind about the possibility of purchasing the blade if the price is right.

### Buildings & Grounds

Nothing to report

### Zoning Committee

Discussed the condemnation of homes and the cleanup of properties. The City Auditor will discuss this with our City Attorney to receive some guidance on the process of condemning homes and assisting with the cleanup of people's property.

### Ordinance Committee

The 2020 version of ordinances is coming up. Does anyone have anything that needs to be added or updated? A license for food trucks was added. Chapter 15 was redone on the subject of nuisances and how it relates to abandoned vehicles on private property. Tom separated accumulated junk on private property. We could have the first reading of the 2020 ordinances next month.

According to the ordinances fireworks can be shot off from 11-1 on New Year's Eve.

### Auditors Report

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

1/6/2020	13446	THE MIX 105.7	Ad - Promotions	-50.00
1/6/2020	13447	Southwestern Dist. Health Unit	Water Samples	-60.00
1/6/2020	13448	Core & Main	Battery	-57.26
1/6/2020	13449	Southwest Water Authority	Monthly Water	-7,852.32
1/6/2020	13450	AFLAC	Insurance	-523.82
1/6/2020	13453	Virtuoso Leidholm Consulting	Website Maintenance	-125.00
1/13/2020	13454	Postmaster	Postage	-165.00
1/14/2020	13455	Consolidated	City Hall Phone	-368.05
1/14/2020	13456	Consolidated	Ambulance Phone	-53.22
1/14/2020	13457	NE Community Grocery Store	Supplies for Memorial Hall	-58.45
1/14/2020	13458	City Of Dickinson	Landfill Charges-	-1,974.00
1/14/2020	13459	SBM	Supplies	-120.26
1/14/2020	13460	Fitterer Oil	Gas/Fuel	-616.63
1/14/2020	13461	Ameripride	Rug Cleaning	-113.46
1/26/2020	13470	VISA 8078	Credit Card	-427.00
1/26/2020	13471	Visa 8052	Credit Card	-26.72
1/26/2020	13472	Menard's	Filters	-38.71
1/26/2020	13473	Workforce Safety & Insurance	Workmen's Comp	-250.00
1/28/2020	13481	AFLAC	Insurance	-523.82
1/28/2020	13482	One Call Concepts	Call Tickets	-15.60
1/28/2020	13483	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	-1,858.31
1/28/2020	13484	MDU	Utilities	-4,403.48
1/28/2020	13485	State Tax Commissioner	Quarterly ND State Tax	-294.00

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion by Lyle, seconded by Chris to approve the Lions Club city sales tax application for \$3,000 for the new expansion and playground equipment. Motion carried.

Motion by Renee, seconded by Tom to approve the beer and liquor license application for The Golden West Bar. Motion carried.

Motion by Breann, seconded by Tom to approve the beer and liquor license application for Hanks Place. Motion carried.

Motion by Breann, seconded by Tom, to approve the beer and liquor license for The Hub Store 6 pending payment and the business receiving a state liquor license. Motion carried.

Zoning Commission

Nothing to report

Council Comments

Discussed the Memorial Hall cleaning.

The speed sign located by Slope Electric is not working. We will have to send it in to see if it can be repaired.

Payroll review was done by the City Council. Jason and Clarence will receive a 3% raise.

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

---

Mayor

---

City Auditor