Regular City Council Meeting

**01-4-21**

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

Present: Lyle Kovar, Drew Madler, Chris Fitterer, Tom Gorek, Breann Krebs

Excused: None

Motion by Breann, seconded by Tom to approve the December 2020 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

None

Street & Lights

There is a light on the intersection of 12th St. and McKenzie that needs attention. There is a boat left on the street that needs to be moved. Discussed a trailer and another boat that have been parked on the city streets.

Water & Sewer

Engineer’s Report

Phase 3 Project

All work has been completed. All remaining USDA RD grant funds have been utilized. We are obtaining all contract closeout documents from Quam prior to final payment.

Phase 4 Project -Substantial completion was done in November, and final completion inspection will be scheduled in spring 2021. The remaining budget is roughly $120,000 which we hope to use for chip sealing. Motion by Tom, seconded by Breann to approve Invoice 25795 to Moore Engineering for $2,000. Motion carried.

Street Replacement Project

Substantial completion was done in November, and final completion inspection will be scheduled in spring 2021. The remaining budget is $30,000. Motion by Tom, seconded by Lyle to approve Invoice 25794 to Moore Engineering for $1,400. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds

There is a double wide trailer at the trailer court that is in very bad shape. There is a judgement on the trailer and a resident of New England would like to buy it. We are hoping something happens with this trailer so it can be removed. We are in the process of cleaning up another yard in the trailer court. The process is going well.

Equipment Committee

None

Zoning Commission

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Ordinance Committee

Discussed a change to our ordinance related to weight restriction and storage. We could go by weight or physical dimensions for vehicles driving on city streets. Exceptions are that the truck route stays the same. This ordinance would allow taking a truck to private storage. If a truck is driven to private property it would have to be enclosed. The penalties for not following this ordinance would be high. Motion by Drew, seconded by Breann to approve the 1st reading of the ordinance for weight limits on trucks and heavy vehicles. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Auditors Report

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

1/13/2021 13926 Southwestern Dist. Health Unit Water Samples -60.00

1/13/2021 13927 Consolidated City Hall Phone -374.35

1/13/2021 13928 Consolidated Ambulance Phone -54.51

1/13/2021 13929 Southwest Water Authority Monthly Water -7,008.66

1/13/2021 13930 NE Community Grocery Store Supplies -18.26

1/13/2021 13931 Berger Electric Fix street light -127.25

1/26/2021 13940 State Tax Commissioner Quarterly ND State Tax -734.00

1/26/2021 13941 Visa 8052 W-2s, 1099 s Supplies -73.03

1/26/2021 13942 VISA 8078 Microsoft renewal -168.59

1/26/2021 13943 One Call Concepts Call Tickets -4.80

 1/26/2021 13944 Aramark Rug cleaning -112.24

1/26/2021 13945 ND Water Users Association Dues -100.00

1/26/2021 13946 NE Library January Taxes -1,512.18

1/26/2021 13947 NE Cemetery January Taxes -179.76

1/26/2021 13948 Special Assessment Deficiency City Share -1,595.78

1/26/2021 13949 Special Assessment Deficiency Specials 2-35 -8,655.16

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Old Business

No new updates on the county bridge on the South end of Main Street.

New Business

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

Motion by Tom, seconded by Breann to approve the beer and liquor license for The Hub Convenience Stores. Motion carried.

Council Comments

Discussed a 2022 Hwy 22 project that would go from New England to Dickinson.

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