Regular City Council Meeting

**3-1-20**

Mayor Opdahl called the meeting to order at 7pm

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

Excused: Chris Fitterer

Motion by Breann, seconded by Drew to approve the February 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner. January’s report had a hit and run, MIC (6), contributing to a minor, animal neglect, trespassing, and a juvenile issue. January was a busy month in New England. Motion by Drew, seconded by Tom to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

The special assessments and special assessment savings account were explained to the city council on how it is received and what is paid out. The City Auditor will include this savings account in future reports.

Street & Lights

On 9th street there is a low spot that is holding water. We will add this to the punch list items.

Water & Sewer

Phase 3 is completed, all that is left is some minor paperwork.

Phase 4

There is a punch list for BEK to complete. This will be completed this spring or summer.

There is roughly $150,000 left which may be used for chip sealing. Our engineers were given direction to get quotes for chip sealing. The contractor quotes were discussed. The asphalt is black, however it will turn gray. Chip sealing is giving it a shot of oil with chips. It is important to keep a good schedule of chip sealing. Phase 1,2 and 3 will need to be chip sealed in about 3 years. It is wise to chip seal every 7 years.

Motion by Drew, seconded by Breann to approve Invoice 26241 for $2,317.50 to Moore Engineering. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds

Dimmers were not able to be put in for the new lights at the Memorial Hall, however the new lights will be put in by Berger Electric.

We did get some property back and one of the parcels has an abandoned house on it. It is suggested to take bids to get the house torn down. The City Auditor will advertise for bids to tear down the house and will open them at the next meeting. We will move forward at that time.

The City Auditor will contact SW District Health Unit to look at another abandoned home in New England that is in very bad condition and has cats going in and out of a broken window.

Equipment Committee

Nothing to report

Ordinance Committee

Nothing to report

Auditors Report

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

3/1/2021 13982 Virtuoso Leidholm Consulting LLC Website Maintenance -375.00

3/1/2021 13983 Postmaster Postage -163.00

3/1/2021 13984 MDU Utilities -4,225.95

3/1/2021 13985 Northern Tier Lawn Service Snow removal Memorial Hall -150.00

3/1/2021 13986 Workforce Safety & Insurance Workmen’s Compensation -1,384.83

3/1/2021 13987 AFLAC Insurance -523.82

3/1/2021 13990 Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance -1,997.76

3/1/2021 13992 GS Publishing Minutes -436.80

3/1/2021 13993 Special Assessment Deficiency Street Project January -75,233.51

3/1/2021 13994 Special Assessment Deficiency Water & Sewer Project- January-25,248.65

3/1/2021 13995 NE Library February Taxes -1,612.23

3/1/2021 13996 NE Cemetery February Taxes -191.60

3/1/2021 13997 Special Assessment Deficiency Specials 2-35 -16,271.05

3/1/2021 13998 Special Assessment Deficiency City Share -1,702.07

3/1/2021 13999 Special Assessment Deficiency Street Project - February -67,651.71

3/1/2021 14000 Special Assessment Deficiency Water & Sewer Proj. February-7,092.88

3/1/2021 14001 NE Ambulance Yearly taxes 2021 -550.00

3/1/2021 14002 NE Fire Dept. Yearly Taxes - 2021 -6,800.00

3/1/2021 14003 Ferguson Waterworks Stationary Rod -119.56

3/5/2021 14006 Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance -2,059.47

3/25/2021 14008 Newby’s Ace Hardware Fertilizer/weed and feed -255.05

3/25/2021 14009 The Hub Convenience Stores Fuel -559.33

3/25/2021 14010 City Of Dickinson Landfill Charges -1,396.84

3/25/2021 14011 Consolidated Shop Phone -54.51

3/25/2021 14012 Consolidated City Hall Phone -370.70

3/25/2021 14013 New England Drug Envelopes/supplies -14.40

3/25/2021 14014 One Call Concepts Call Tickets -1.20

3/25/2021 14015 AFLAC Insurance -523.82

3/25/2021 14016 Keane Hanson Replace Hydrant -175.00

3/25/2021 14017 Visa 1864 Supplies & Postage -105.58

3/25/2021 14018 VISA 8078 Registration Water Training -200.00

3/25/2021 14019 Fitterer Oil Oil -43.00

3/25/2021 14020 NE Community Grocery Store Cleaning Supplies -4.69

3/25/2021 14021 Tri County Parts & Shop Supplies -117.17

3/25/2021 14022 Southwest Water Authority Monthly Water -6,284.32

3/25/2021 14023 Aramark Rug Cleaning -121.22

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Council Comments

The council discussed the old water tower. A person expressed interest on what the city may do with the old water tower. We may have plans in the future, however at this time we are still trying to figure out what the city would like to do with it. The city does not have to do anything with the water tower if that is what is decided. There are no immediate plans to do anything with the water tower.

A walking path was discussed. There is a transportation alternatives program that is an 80% - 20% grant. There is a ND Streets program that is a 90% -10% grant and a ND Parks and Rec grant is available as well. We will keep this idea in mind and move forward on discussing alternatives as to where the path may be placed.

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

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