Regular City Council Meeting

**9-7-22**

Mayor Kovar called the meeting to order at 7pm

Present: Tom Gorek, Breann Krebs, Mike Grote, Rex Fitch, Chris Fitterer

Excused: None

Motion by Breann, seconded by Tom to approve the August 22 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The county policing report was presented by Sheriff Warner & Deputy Christianson. July report was presented and there were 2 domestics, a medical, a gas drive off, suspicious person, vandalism (x3), injury crash and a juvenile issue. Kennedy leaves in 2 weeks for training of the K-9 dog. The dog is a pure bread German Shepard. Sheriff Warner gave a thank you card to the council for their financial support of the K-9 program. Motion by Breann, seconded by Rex to approve the county policing report. Motion carried.

Mayors Report

Discussed that we are having a polling place in New England in November and the polling place will be at the Memorial Hall. The Mayor suggested that we may want to advertise that we have a polling place in New England.

Water & Sewer

We will need to look at a utility rate increase to cover the rising cost of utilities and to cover the cost of repayment of our water and sewer loans.

Street & Lights

Nothing to report

Buildings & Grounds

Discussed storage space at the Memorial Hall. Rainy Butte Productions has discussed the idea of adding storage to the outside of the Memorial Hall building on the Northeast corner. Rainy Butte Productions would share in the cost. We will get bids from a couple different people before we make a decision on moving forward with the additional storage.

Equipment Committee

We may need a different pickup to haul garbage with in the future.

Ordinance Committee

Discussed cutting down some bushes and shrubs on a couple boulevards.

Auditors Report

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

9/19/2022 14714 Westlie Truck Center Scan/clear Code on Garbage Truck -190.40

9/19/2022 14715 Postmaster PO Box Rental Fee -140.00

9/19/2022 14716 Dept. Of Environmental Quality Water Sample Analysis -251.58

9/19/2022 14717 City Of Dickinson Landfill Charges -2,086.00

9/19/2022 14718 GS Publishing Minutes -151.90

9/19/2022 14719 Fitterer Oil Fix Tire -22.00

9/19/2022 14720 Consolidated City Hall Phone -374.80

9/19/2022 14721 Consolidated Ambulance Phone -51.07

9/19/2022 14722 Dakota Pump & Control 2 Floats & Cord Splice Kits-285.00

9/19/2022 14723 The Hub Convenience Stores Fuel -1,374.14

9/19/2022 14724 Share Corp Dynasty Chemical -663.07

9/19/2022 14729 Visa 1864 Quicken Software Renewal & Dues ND Solid Waste-222.48

9/28/2022 EFT AFLAC Insurance -523.82

Zoning Commission

Nothing to report

Old Business

The city had Forsgren Associates Inc. do an inspection on a house in New England. The conclusion is that this property is a dangerous structure and the house should be removed. A notice needs to be sent to the property owner to give him time to correct the deficiencies or the house will be torn down. A copy of the inspection report will be sent to the property owner too.

New Business

The commercial club will need some streets closed for the Wheat Harvest Jamboree activities and the street dance. The council gave approval to close streets as needed.

Motion by Breann, seconded by Rex to approve a special liquor permit from The Golden West Bar for the Wheat Harvest Jamboree. Motion carried.

Motion by Breann, seconded by Rex to approve a gambling permit from New England Public School. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Rex to approve the Pledge of Securities from Bravera Bank. Motion carried.

Council Comments

There was a suggestion when we do street sweeping that we should advertise a little more to give people notice to move their vehicles.

The gravel crusher is coming in the next couple days to crush the pile of concrete at the landfill.

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

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