Pick City News

July 2023

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Present: Arvid Anderson, Scott Bather, Lori Davis, Brandon Reiser, Kel Westman. Absent: none

Also present: Auditor, Diane Johnson, Maintenance, JD Sailer, and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hatzenbuechler,

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Waters.

Mayor Anderson called the July 5, 2023 meeting to order at 3:59pm.

Davis motioned, second Westman to approve consent items: Agenda; with the addition of curb stop located on Odin Anderson property. Meeting minutes of the June 7th and Bills.

Old Business:

Received another letter from Steve & Cathy Dyke on their concerns with height of the fill dirt at Schwan Addition. Tom Miller sent an email stating they will monitor and work with the Dykes to ensure any runoff flows properly. After discussion council agreed that auditor send email to Schwan, stating his commitment on monitoring any potential runoff issues.

City hall painting final inspection was done. AW painting was paid the final payment of $8000.00.

New Business:

Larry Hatzenbuechler asked the council if they would consider vacating a 50’x205’ section of -abandoned City Street (1st Lane SW)-west of trailer court. Adjacent land owners are Highway Department, Hatzenbuechler and South Shore Estates. Bather recused himself from discussion. Bather & Hatzenbuechler purchased the land, formally called Wheel Estates, from Mark Johnson & Arlyce Holtz. Bather & Hatzenbuechler moved forward to install underground electricity. After being surveyed by the utility company, it was discovered that the NW & SW property pins were not in the right location.

The Trailer House on the west end is entirely on the abandoned city street. Hatzenbuechler informed the council that the road leading into the trailer court is a private drive. There is a sewer line running east and west of the road and then leading off to the south. In their records they have a handwritten sewer easement for that road by Orlynn Johnson (previous owner is deceased). After discussion council is not opposed to the vacating, but would like advice from our attorney on this matter. Hatzenbuechler said he would like to move forward with the legal paperwork and would cover any legal fees.

A concerned resident questioned a council member on traffic issues on Main Street; Highway 200 and kids running around with golf carts & other motorized vehicles. A reminder to parents or guardians, that is it their responsibility to inform the young drivers they must abide by the speed limits & road signs, for your children’s safety & safety of others around them. There is a required safe driving course offered by the ND Highway department and encourage those 12 and under to participate in the course.

Jim purchased new mower blades for the Harper, he has 3 sets now.

Reiser motioned, second Davis to approve the following building permits. All in favor.

Brian Torske- #15-23 for concrete Blk 18- Lot 3

Arvid Anderson - #16-23 for steel roof and 14’x25’ garage addition Blk 2 – Lot 1 SW Add.

Ryan Gullicks - #17-23 for covered patio w/Façade improvements Blk 4-Lots 9-10.

Reminder to any building permits, you *cannot* start your project until you are approved by Zoning & City council.

In May, a letter was sent out to “Clean-up Pick City” to all residents, there has been quite a few not mowing or cleaning up their yards. Council advised sending letters out to these residents and if no action is taken, it will be turned over to our attorney.

Reports:

Water: June analysis Satisfactory

There is about 4 hydrants that need to be painted.

A water service curb stop located at Odin Anderson’s property Blk 17, Lots 9-10 was discussed. After much discussion the board will be advising our attorney. The new building is zoned C2.

**Sewer:**

Lagoon has been mowed but needs to be sprayed for weeds/trees. Jim will call for a few bids than let council know.

**Park:**

Council decided to put a concrete foundation under new storage shed. We will set up a work day to complete the project.

A new Sharing book house is located at the City Hall.

**Landfill:** monthly collection $250.00

**75th Celebration: August 26, 2023**

Westman motioned, second Bather to use $8000.00 from the city’s Rest & Lodging Tax to help fund the celebration. All funds collected from celebration will be put back into that fund. All in favor.

**Distribution checks received:**

MIDCO 0 $86.46; Cigarette Tax $98.35; Rest & Lodging $757.73; C. Conversion $990.11; C. Severance $1831.42

Highway tax $532.54; Rev. Sharing $1118.65

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm

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| **GENERAL FUND** |  |  |
| City employees | Payroll/ins. | 5726.62 |
| CIRCLE SANITATION | GARBAGE | 2,851.58 |
| DOC | CONTRACT | 36.00 |
| SCOTT'S | Gas- 46.78/DIESEL- 109.59 | 156.37 |
| HAZEN STAR | PUBLICATION | 123.18 |
| ROUGHRIDER | ELECTRICITY | 606.15 |
| WRT | TEL/INT/CAMERAS | 129.95 |
| IRS | FICA |  |
| ND PERS | RETIREMENT | 234.00 |
| Jim Sailer | reimb for paddlelock/keys | 32.69 |
| Diane Johnson | reimb for hall supplies | 27.61 |
| Swanston | mower blades | 245.64 |
| ND Dept of Enviro. Quality | tank classification | 150.00 |
| AW SERVICES PRO painting | additional charge for paint | 1,500.00 |
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| Dust-Tex | 778929/781933 | 98.90 |
| NDLC | city dues | 355.00 |
| Dollar General | cleaning supplies | 98.58 |
| Hardware Hank | paint (for office) and supplies | 139.44 |
| **WATER** |  |  |
| payroll |  | 1,263.34 |
| JIM SAILER | CELL PHONE | 50.00 |
| ROUGHRIDER | ELECTRICITY | 402.80 |
| MSRWD | WATER | 4,134.26 |
| NDHD | LAB FEES 5925/1456 | 50.00 |
| WRT | PHONE | 41.77 |
| ND Rural Water | dues | 260.00 |
| **SEWER** |  |  |
| Payroll | June payroll | 631.66 |
| US Postal service | 7 rolls post cards stamps + 1 first class | 399.00 |



Sharing Book House located

At City Hall

Take a Book, Leave A Book

There is a variety of Books for all ages inside.