

Cooperstown City Council

March 4, 2019 – City Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Nic Zimprich, Lee Watne, Deb Eslinger, Larry Olson, Tim Erickson and Rick Cushman. Others in attendance: Blaine Larson, Chris Olson and Nancy Lunde.

Agenda & Minutes: Olson moved, Watne seconded, to approve the agenda with additions and corrections. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the February 4, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion from Cushman, seconded by Zimprich. Motion carried unanimously. Zimprich moved, Erickson seconded, to approve the minutes from the February 26, 2019 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Usage/Broken Water Lines: Mayor Paintner reported on a major waterline break at the country club. Nancy Lunde has submitted a claim report to State Fire and Tornado regarding the damages. The city currently pays the insurance for all buildings at the country club. The country club insures all contents of the buildings. Blaine reported on the break and what kind of damages occurred. The council plans to discuss the cost of repair with the country club board. JoAnn Hovde also had an issue with her water in a vacant house that she owns. The furnace apparently quit running and pipes froze in the basement. There was a large water loss at that time with a large amount of water in her basement. She has asked the city to forgive the cost of this water. After discussion the city council decided to continue with their existing policy of the water loss is to be at the homeowner's expense. Erickson moved, Olson seconded a motion to make no changes to the current city policy regarding water loss within a residence/business in the city and in doing so, denying a request by JoAnn Hovde to forgive a portion of her utility bill due to frozen pipes in the house and subsequent water loss. Motion carried. Aye: Watne, Erickson, Eslinger, Olson and Zimprich. Nay: Cushman.

Ergonomic Grant/Skid-steer/Truck: The council discussed the possibility of purchasing a skid-steer or a new truck at this time. The council decided not to pursue a purchase of either item at this time.

City Attorney: The council discussed the Retainer Agreement which had been provided by Travis Peterson at the February 26, 2019 special meeting. The council would like the auditor to negotiate the retainer fee of \$100.00 per month. Nancy will provide more information at the next monthly meeting.

Personnel Policy: Nic Zimprich and Deb Eslinger are reviewing revisions that the auditor's office is suggesting should be made to the city's personnel policy. They will bring their suggestions to the council at the next regular meeting.

Dept. Reports:

WSS: Blaine Larson reported on the activities of the city crew for the past month. They have been busy removing snow from city streets. He stated Randy Myers and Chad Johnson will be retaking their Water Plant Operator test March 20th.

Auditor Report: Nancy Lunde provided the auditor’s monthly financial report, payroll report and list of receipts. Nancy asked the council to review the information provided by the Deputy Auditor. The auditor asked for approval to set the date and time for the yearly Tax Equalization Meeting. Cushman moved, Olson seconded, to approve the date of April 9, 2019 at 5:00 pm for the yearly Tax Equalization Meeting at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously. Nancy stated she had a call from the N.D. Department of Transportation regarding a state highway project on highway 45 and highway 200 this summer. Nancy had asked if the city could have some areas of streets repaired at the same time by the company completing the state highway project. A change order can be submitted for work of this kind. Nancy will bring more information to the next regular meeting.

Bills: The council reviewed the bills with discussion on several. The bills listed were approved to be paid with a motion from Eslinger, seconded by Cushman. There was a roll call vote with all members in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Permits: Cushman moved, Eslinger seconded, to approve the Motter Special Event Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Tim Erickson asked if No Parking signs could be removed from the main streets downtown. He stated the signs impede snow removal on the sidewalks. Nancy Lunde will call the State Highway Department for more information. After discussion, Erickson moved, Olson seconded, to remove the no parking signs on the main streets in Cooperstown. Aye: Erickson, Watne, Olson. Nay: Eslinger, Cushman, Zimprich, Paintner. Motion did not pass.

The next regular City Council meeting will be April 1, 2019. Erickson moved, Watne seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

March 2019 Bills Paid

ABRAHAM GENERATOR SALES CO	\$90.00
COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT AUTH	\$2,753.54
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	\$96.04

BLAINE LARSON	\$35.00
BLUETARP FINANCIAL	\$2,790.06
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$6,800.00
CHAD JOHNSON	\$35.00
CHARLES DEHOFF	\$122.46
CHRISTINE OLSON	\$35.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	\$44.00
COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER	\$122.09
COACHMAN INN	\$188.00
COOPERSTOWN COMMUNITY CLUB	\$25.00
COOPERSTOWN DRUG	\$27.79
COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	\$144.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	\$241.72
FINLEY MOTORS INC	\$467.95
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES I	\$95.20
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$783.46
HAWKINS INC	\$2,448.77
HENRY SCHEIN INC.	\$351.00
HOLLY NEUBERGER	\$235.99
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$139.40
JODI LOGE	\$15.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$450.89
JULIE KELLER	\$155.00
KAREN JOHNSON	\$46.21
LACEY DEHOFF	\$10.50
GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	\$3,717.28
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	\$112.00
MFOA OF ND	\$60.00
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$125.00
MILLERS FRESH FOODS	\$100.65
NANCY LUNDE	\$35.00
NANCY PAINTNER	\$132.93
NEW CENTURY PRESS	\$62.81
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$5,990.55
COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	\$7,986.01
POSTMASTER	\$235.00
RAMADA - GRAND FORKS	\$513.20
RANDY MYERS	\$35.00
REITEN, INC	\$1,199.71
RITeway	\$745.25
T&M PROPERTIES LLC	\$5,400.00
TYLER KELLER	\$392.74
ULINE	\$596.59
USA BLUE BOOK	\$256.20
VALERIE ELI	\$212.63
VINTAGE PINK BOUTIQUE_	\$106.51
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY	\$60.00