

Cooperstown City Council

May 1, 2017 – City Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Nic Zimprich, Rick Cushman, Bryan Ressler, Tim Erickson and Welton Cochrane. Absent: Lee Watne. Others in attendance: Connie Doering, Brad Dewald, Brad McCullough, Alan Jacobson, Blaine Larson, Nancy Lunde, Chad Johnson & Randy Myers.

Agenda & Minutes: Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the April 3, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion from Zimprich, seconded by Erickson. Motion carried unanimously. Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2017 Tax Equalization meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2017 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Zimprich moved, Cushman seconded, to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Griggs County Water Resource District: Alan Jacobson attended the council meeting representing the Griggs County Water Resource Board. He presented information regarding the Cooper Drain. He stated the Griggs County Commissioners have informed the Griggs County Water Resource Board that they cannot allow any of the Drains to carry a negative balance. They have demanded that the balance be brought back into the positive. At this time, the Cooper Drain has a negative balance of \$3982.34. This will need to be paid by the city to bring the balance back to a zero balance. This is due to unexpected work that was done last year regarding the Cooper Drain. After much discussion Ressler moved, Cushman seconded, to approve payment of \$3982.34 to the Griggs County Water Resource District, bringing the balance from a negative balance to zero. Motion carried unanimously

Town & Country: Brad McCullough brought a request to the council regarding approval of participation in a Flex PACE Fund interest rate buydown with the Bank of North Dakota for Town & Country. He explained the Flex PACE Fund combines the resources of the local community and the PACE Fund to buy down the interest rate on the loan. Flex PACE provides an interest rate buydown up to \$200,000. The buydown is matched by the community at the designated participation level listed under a Community Percentage Factor. The local funds may come in the form of a loan. If the community provides its share of the interest rate buydown as a loan, interest may accrue. Repayment of principal or interest on the loan from the community shall not commence until the Flex PACE interest buy down has been fully expended. The city's portion would be a 20% interest buydown which would be approximately \$51,000.00. The council discussed developing criteria to use when Flex PACE Fund interest buydown requests are received. Ressler moved, Cushman seconded, to table further

discussion of the City's participation in this Flex PACE Fund interest rate buydown until the council has more information regarding this program. Motion carried unanimously.

South Central Dakota Regional Council: Mayor Paintner reported we are still waiting to hear from Binford regarding payment of their share of the dues to South Central Dakota Regional Council. Binford Mayor Gilbertson will call Nancy on Thursday with their decision. Hannaford has approved payment of their share of the dues and the County Commissioners when asked, reported they would probably approve of this 4-way split for payment of these dues.

Resolution: Ressler moved, Erickson seconded to approve a resolution to designate the Griggs County Courier as the official city newspaper. Motion carried unanimously.

Dept. Reports:

WSS: Blaine Larson reported on the activities of the city crew for the past month. He reported on his findings regarding the railroad easement. He has been in contact with someone from the railroad regarding purchase of railroad easement. He stated the city pays \$600.00 every 5 years for .72 acre where a city drain is located. He feels the city needs to protect their interests in their drain. The city also uses some railroad easement to store snow. He was quoted \$12,000 for 7 acres. Cushman moved, Ressler seconded, to table further discussion on the purchase of this railroad property until more information is gathered. Motion carried unanimously. Blaine brought information to the council regarding 1st street. He stated the person farming the land next to 1st street should be leaving a grass easement on the west side of the street. After much discussion, Bryan Ressler stated he would approach Mark Urness asking him to leave an easement on the west side of the street. There was discussion regarding the tires on the payloader. Blaine stated there are many cracks on the tires. A tire representative came to look at the tires and stated it was all superficial wearing. Blaine will contact the salesman again regarding this issue as it seems to be progressing. Blaine brought information to the council regarding quotes on 2 used street sweepers. There was a 2007 with 4500 hours for \$86,500 and a 2009 with 7225.5 hours for \$85,000. He informed the council that the sweeper the city currently owns has many issues and will require many repairs in the months to come. The council would like Blaine to do a little research on repairs that may be needed on the sweeper for the coming year. Chad Johnson brought information regarding the repair of 16th street. He received a quote from a company in the area. It would cost \$129,248.00 to repair the whole street by replacing the top, not just repairing existing holes in the street. The council asked the city crew to just repair the holes for now. Randy Myers asked the council to consider trading in one of the lawn mowers. In past years, the city has traded the mower every 2 years. He gave information on a Kubota mower from Cooper Implement. The council would like more time to do a little research on mowers. Randy also brought information to the council on pricing for a new siren from Jamestown Communications. He did complete Intent to Apply paperwork for a grant from Homeland Security but they didn't know how long it would be before grants were awarded. There was discussion of where the siren would be mounted if purchased. Rick Cushman expressed concern regarding the potential for storms in the summer,

having no way to warn the citizens, and the danger in waiting to purchase a new siren. He feels we need to resolve this situation as soon as possible, to protect our citizens. The council would like to see more siren options to compare the costs. Rick Cushman stated he would call Fergus Falls to get a quote on the large pole that will be needed to mount the new siren on. Ressler moved, Cushman seconded, to table the decision to purchase a new siren until more information can be compiled. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Report: Nancy Lunde provided the monthly financial report, payroll report and list of receipts. She asked the council to review the report submitted by Deputy Auditor Chris Olson. Nancy inquired how the council would like employee evaluations completed this year. The supervisors will complete evaluations on employees and submit them to the Personnel Committee. The committee will make their evaluation and bring their suggestions to the council to the next regular meeting in June. Nancy stated Public Health has returned to Cooperstown to view the blighted homes the city is dealing with. Marcus Lee has taken new pictures and will send new letters to the city regarding these homes so that the city can continue with the procedure outlined in the ordinances to remove blight from the city.

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

Permits: Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the Jason Burnside Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Cochrane moved, Cushman seconded, to approve the Richard Trostad Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Ressler moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the Town & Country Beer License. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Mayor Paintner asked for discussion on the alley behind the post office. Some residents of the apartment buildings next door have had trouble with the road and have gotten stuck. The council discussed what could be done to alleviate this problem, with no solution yet. Mayor Paintner suggested holding a special meeting on May 17th at 7:00 a.m. to discuss the items from this meeting that have been tabled. Nancy will notify Brad McCullough, Brad Dewald and Connie Doering of the date and time of this meeting.

The next regular City Council meeting will be June 5, 2017. Ressler moved, Erickson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

May 2017 Bills

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$86.26
COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT AUTH	\$765.81
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	\$73.90
AMY ANDEL	\$37.68
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS, INC	\$795.00
BAYMONT INN & SUITES	\$81.90
BLAINE LARSON	\$35.00
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$6,663.00
BRIAN SAXBERG	\$50.00
CHAD JOHNSON	\$35.00
CHRISTINE OLSON	\$35.00
CITIZENS INSURANCE AGENCY	\$80.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER	\$10.00 \$33.00
COACHMAN INN	\$92.00
COOPERSTOWN TRUE VALUE EMERGENCY TRAINING ASSOCIATES	\$491.70 \$1,583.34
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	\$2,430.87
GRIGGS CO. WATER RESOURCE DIST	\$3,982.34
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$734.65
HAWKINS INC	\$1,833.28
Heart of America Med. Center	\$272.00
HIGH PLAINS WATER	\$21.00
HOLLY NEUBERGER	\$366.67
JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA	\$17.27
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$306.39
LAKE AGASSIZ DEV. CORP.	\$1,188.70
GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	\$2,336.20
LISA MARTIN	\$150.00
LISA SALVESEN	\$219.98
LUMBER MART INC	\$243.15
METRON-FARNIER,LLC	\$9,165.47
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$106.50
MILLERS FRESH FOODS	\$104.59
MOORE ENGINEERING INC	\$2,625.00
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY	\$25.00
NANCY LUNDE	\$35.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS	\$600.51
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$3,593.34

COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	\$5,237.43
RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONF. CENTER	\$981.00
RANDY MYERS	\$35.00
SHAYLEE ANDEL	\$228.29
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP	\$700.00