

## Cooperstown City Council

May 6, 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 and Rick Cushman. Absent: Tim Erickson. Others in attendance: JoAnne White, Paul Motter, Jeremy Zaun, Blaine Larson and Nancy Lunde.

**Agenda & Minutes:** Zimprich moved, Eslinger seconded, to approve the agenda with additions and corrections. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion from Eslinger, seconded by Zimprich. Motion carried unanimously. Zimprich moved, Watne seconded to approve the April 9, 2019 Tax Equalization Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Proclamation:** Eslinger moved, Watne seconded, to approve a proclamation by the Mayor, proclaiming May 17, 2019 as Arbor Day. Motion carried unanimously.

**City Heating System:** Mayor Paintner stated he had a meeting with Nic Zimprich and Roger Schilke regarding the boiler system in city hall. There is a problem with the boilers losing water constantly. It is felt there is a leak somewhere under city hall. Roger gave his suggestion of running copper pipes in the ceiling. He stated he would not care to do this work. He will only want to do maintenance work. The auditor called Cody Kollman with Arrowwood Heating to look at the boiler system and provide suggestions as to what could be done to remedy the situation. He suggested putting in ductwork and forced air. This way you could easily add air-conditioning later. He stated the existing air conditioners are very old and there are no replacement parts for them. Nancy will get several bids on this project and will bring the information to the next meeting.

**Budget/Sales Tax:** Mayor Paintner stated he had a meeting with Harold Rotunda, Nancy Lunde and Nic Zimprich recently regarding the budget and different ways to increase revenues for the city. Harold listed several ways to increase revenue for the city. The first would be to increase the percent of sales tax for the city and specify what this extra tax would be specified for. The city can wait until the election in 2020 to add this question to the ballot or the city could hold a special election this summer with this question on the ballot. As a Home Rule city, we do have the ability to just raise the amount of sales tax for the city. The consensus of the city council is it would be better to let the citizens vote on this issue. A second way is to increase your utility bill. The city will be needing new equipment soon, will need to look at repairing or replacing the heating system for city hall and the city also needs to look at setting aside funds for street repair. The council would like Andrew Aakre with Moore Engineering to come review the city streets to create a list of the most imperative areas to be repaired. They also would like Blaine to create an equipment list with prices of the equipment which will be needed soon.

**Griggs County Water Resource District:** The auditor provided a copy of the letter which was received from the Griggs County Water Resource District regarding money which is being collected from owners and renters to clean a proposed area of the Cooper Drain. The airport has paid their portion of this.

**Dept. Reports:**

**WSS:** Blaine Larson reported on the activities of the city crew for the past month. Blaine provided an estimate from KW Drilling for boring a waterline to the home on 805 9<sup>th</sup> St NE. The council would like Blaine to get a quote on this boring, for their review. Blaine stated Paul Motter had contacted the city office regarding the alley located to the north of the Cooperstown Vet Clinic. Paul attended the meeting to ask the city to consider fixing, graveling and maintaining this alley so it could be used. Blaine provided the city council with 2 bids for gravel for this alley. There was discussion regarding the cost and cost of maintenance of this alley. The council would like to visit with Sheyenne Tooling about sharing in the cost of the alley. Fehr Electric contacted Blaine Larson regarding a 50/50 lighting replacement offered by Ottertail. The council would like a representative from Fehr Electric to come to the meeting and give an estimate of the savings available when replacing old lighting systems.

**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 council discussed the seasonal mowing salary for the coming summer. There was discussion of a \$.50 raise. Cushman moved, Olson seconded, to approve \$14.00/hour for the seasonal mowing salary. Nancy announced the Mainstreet Initiative meeting that had been postponed will be held May 29, 2019 from 11:30-12:30. She stated the Visitors Promotion Committee met last week and decided they would approve the following applications for funds. Approved: \$500.00 for flag hardware if working well, \$350.00 for flowers for city planters, \$500.00 for partial payment of the yearly website fee and \$400.00 to the Griggs County Fair Association to help with the cost of publicity, posters and newspaper ads for all events to be held during the Griggs County Fair the week of July 8-14, 2019.

**Bills:** The council reviewed the bills with discussion on several. The bills listed were approved to be paid with a motion from Watne, 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 PEO Local Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Zimprich moved, Cushman seconded, to approve Di's Oasis Special Event Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Jeremy Zaun attended the meeting to ask the city council to approve 14-foot sidewalls on a garage addition with living quarters. After discussion Cushman moved, Olson seconded, to approve the Jeremy Zaun Building Permit, with approval of the cement pad only, at this time. Motion carried unanimously. The Council will hold a special meeting for discussion regarding the height of the sidewalls. The City Zoning Ordinance approves 10-foot sidewalls on a residence and Jeremy Zaun is requesting 14-foot sidewalls. Eslinger moved, Cushman seconded to approve the Sheyenne Valley Horseshoe Club Local Permit. Motion

carried unanimously. Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to approve the Trinity Lutheran Fireworks Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** There hasn't been any more news regarding the Country Club. It seems they feel the Country Club will be doing any needed repairs. Travis Peterson is reconsidering his retainer fee amount and will get back to Nancy Lunde. Nic Zimprich stated he was contacted by a citizen regarding garbage bags in a neighbor's yard. This citizen was also concerned about the city emergency plan. Her question was "where are people to go for shelter during an emergency?" Nancy will contact the Griggs County Office of Emergency Management for information.

The next regular City Council meeting will be June 3, 2019. Cushman moved, Olson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

---

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

---

Paul Paintner, Mayor

#### May 2019 Bills Paid

COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT AUTH	\$308.33
AMERICAN LEGION POST 143	\$18.75
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	\$98.54
ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	\$1,159.95
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS, INC	\$795.00
BLAINE LARSON	\$35.00
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$6,800.00
CAROL CARLSON	\$207.35
CHAD JOHNSON	\$35.00
CHRISTINE OLSON	\$141.14
CITY OF COOPERSTOWN	\$1,350.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	\$29.00
COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER	\$108.00
COACHMAN INN	\$141.00
COOPER MECHANICAL INC.	\$220.50
COOPERSTOWN DRUG	\$28.59
COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	\$170.09
CORE & MAIN	\$3,544.12
ELLEFSON SALES EXCAVATING LLC	\$2,860.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	\$232.87
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	\$1,163.28
GRAND FORKS FIRE EQUIP CO.	\$107.57
GRIGGS COUNTY FAIR ASSOC.	\$400.00
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$781.61
H E EVERSON	\$937.20

HANSON ELECTRIC	\$65.00
HAWKINS INC	\$1,034.25
HOLLY NEUBERGER	\$156.60
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$220.99
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$54.82
LAKE AGASSIZ WATER AUTHORITY	\$250.00
LEES REPAIR	\$382.75
GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	\$416.24
LISA SALVESEN	\$204.22
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	\$112.00
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$125.00
MILLERS FRESH FOODS	\$301.13
NANCY LUNDE	\$49.95
ND INSURANCE DEPARTMENT	\$120.00
ND ONE CALL, INC	\$10.90
NELSON INTERNATIONAL	\$2,516.00
NESS PLUMBING INC	\$422.58
NEW CENTURY PRESS	\$716.48
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$2,875.72
COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	\$895.93
RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONF. CENTER	\$763.00
RANDY MYERS	\$35.00
REITEN, INC	\$588.39
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	\$2,344.06
SWEENEY CONTROLS CO.	\$1,513.00
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP	\$1,380.50
TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	\$330.81
USA BLUE BOOK	\$5.69