

Cooperstown City Council
Special Meeting
May 17, 2017 – City Hall – 7:00 AM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 am. Members present included Paul Paintner, Rick Cushman, Bryan Ressler, Lee Watne, Tim Erickson, Welton Cochrane & Nic Zimprich. Others in attendance: Blaine Larson, Chad Johnson, Randy Myers, Connie Doering, Scott, Loge, Paul Kroeplin, Brian Tuite, Craig Carlson, Brad Dewald & Nancy Lunde.

Flex PACE Program: Mayor Paintner greeted the guests present at the meeting and asked if anyone wished to speak. Several Board members representing Town & Country Coop made comments regarding the Flex PACE Buydown program. They gave the council information on the past and current sales tax figures, information on the increased property tax and information regarding Town & Country Coop and their new building. Mayor Paintner informed the group that this meeting was more to develop criteria regarding the approval of any projects for the Flex PACE Buydown program. Brad Dewald gave the council information regarding participating in the Flex PACE in the form of a loan. Nancy Lunde gave the council information on the bond debt that the city currently carries. Ressler moved, Cushman seconded to table further discussion of the City's participation in the Flex PACE Fund interest rate buydown for Town & Country Coop until the council has had more time to set up guidelines and criteria for this program. Motion carried unanimously.

State Tax Commissioner: Nancy Lunde asked for approval from the council for a contract with the State for administration of the local sales and use tax. Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve a contract with the State of North Dakota to administer the City of Cooperstown's local sales and use tax for the 2017-2019 biennium. The administration fee is the lesser of \$35.00 per permit per year or 3% of the tax collected. Motion carried unanimously.

BNSF: Blaine Larson reported on information received from Sherri Jacobs regarding the railroad property which was discussed at the previous council meeting. A drain for the city is currently located in that area. Currently the city pays \$600.00 every 5 years to lease the property. The council would like to know when the next lease payment is due. Nancy Lunde stated she was quite sure it was last paid in 2015, but she would check and let the council know. The council also would like to know exactly what land is included in this offer received from the railroad.

Mower: Randy Myers reported on a quote from Cooper Implement regarding the lease of a mower. The city would make a lease payment the 1st year for \$4,453.62, another lease payment the 2nd year for \$4,453.62 and then buy out the mower for \$100.00 at the end of the 2nd year. The city would have full equity in the mower and then start over with a new lease. Tim Erickson reported on information he had on a 11'1" mower deck for \$13,500 which would allow mowing to be done in a much shorter time. The council

discussed the option of placing an ad for mowing bids. They would like to try this for one year. This would substantially decrease the amount the city crew would be responsible for mowing, thus allowing them more time to get the crack sealing of the streets done and auto read meters placed, this summer. This would decrease the amount of wear and tear on city mowers so the city would save on replacing mowers. Blaine Larson will create a coded map of the city with the areas to be included on each bid. Bids will be opened at the June 5, 2017 meeting. Cochrane moved, Cushman seconded to approve placement of an ad for mowing bids in the newspaper. Motion carried unanimously. Randy Myers reported on a quote he received for a tote of Roundup and a \$400.00 pump needed to utilize the tote. He stated there would be quite a savings to purchase the chemical in bulk instead of purchasing 5 gallon jugs. The council tabled further discussion until the special meeting on May 24th, 2017 at 7:00 am.

Siren: Randy Myers reported on a new quote he received from Jamestown Communications for a siren for the city. The quote does not include the cost of electrical labor or the cost of the pole to mount the siren on. There was discussion of cost, the timeline to receive the siren and the possibility of several grants that might be possible to help with the purchase of the siren. Cochrane moved, Cushman seconded, to approve the purchase of a siren from Jamestown Communications for \$18,994.00, with electrical labor and cost of a pole not included. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Shop: The council discussed how to proceed with the issue of demolishing the old shop. Blaine will help create a bid for placement in the newspaper. The bid will be placed in the newspaper, sent to D&D Roofing and to the list of contacts received from KLJ. The specifications from KLJ will be included in any letters sent. Cochrane moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve placement of an ad for demolition of the old shop and construction needed to support the remaining wall and roof. Motion carried unanimously.

Cochrane moved, Erickson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30am. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor