

Cooperstown City Council

September 9, 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: Welton Cochrane, David Larson, Travis Peterson, City Attorney, Blaine Larson and Nancy Lunde.

Agenda & Minutes: Cushman moved, Watne seconded, to approve the agenda with additions and corrections. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the August 5, 2019 meeting were approved with a motion from Zimprich, seconded by Cushman. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances: There was discussion on the noxious weeds and junk vehicles located on the property at 1001 Howard Ave. SE. Travis Peterson, City Attorney gave input on the current ordinance that addresses this issue. He stated the procedure within 2017-3 should be followed which includes a notice given, schedule of a public hearing if requested, and the resident can also appeal the decision. If the city does have to remove the nuisance the cost to remove can be assessed to his property. Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to initiate procedures in ordinance 2017-3 regarding noxious weeds and junk vehicles stored on the property at 1001 Howard Ave. SE. Aye: Watne, Eslinger, Olson & Zimprich. Nay: Cushman. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding the 2 blighted structures at 1515 15th St NE. The city attorney again stated the ordinance can be followed and help in the removal of the blighted structures. Eslinger moved, Zimprich seconded, to initiate procedures in ordinance 2017-2 regarding removal of the blighted buildings at 1515 15th St NE. Motion carried unanimously. The council discussed the 2 trailers located on the west side of Cooperstown. The trailers are sitting on lots which are not being mowed. After discussion Travis felt we can utilize ordinance 76 to deal with this issue. He also feels that we will need to look at the ordinance as there is jail time that can be imposed. The council discussed the condition of the trailer court on 1410 Roberts Ave. NE. The grass is too long and the shed on the property is considered a blighted structure and should be removed. Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to initiate procedures in ordinance 2017-2 regarding removal of a blighted building regarding the shed at 1410 Roberts Ave. NE and to send a letter referencing our ordinance regarding tall grass. Motion carried unanimously. The council discussed the junkyards that are located around the perimeter of town. There was discussion regarding the current ordinance regarding loose and barking dogs and licensing of dogs. Travis Peterson gave his input on how to proceed with these issues. The council also discussed creating a sidewalk ordinance to ensure the safety of the citizens in Cooperstown. If people have chairs, toys and bikes stored on a sidewalk this creates a hazard to citizens walking on the sidewalk. The council also discussed creating an ordinance stating when water and sewer is required.

1005 Park Avenue NE: The council discussed the possibility of burning this house down instead of demolition. With a special permit from the state a city can burn blighted

property. The council decided the fire may get too hot and could damage the homes close to this house. After discussion, Zimprich moved, Eslinger seconded to approve the placement of an ad for bids on the demolition and removal of the house on 1005 Park Avenue NE. Motion carried unanimously.

Streets/crack sealing/16th Street: There was discussion of the poor condition of 16th Street and the need to repair it somehow. Blaine reported that he had spoken with the DOT and they will give us 1800 ton of millings from their Highway 45 project for the city's use. He stated Gilbertson & Sons will haul and blade the millings on 16th Street. It will take approximately 85 ton and it would take 72 loads at \$80.00/load. The total cost would be \$5,760.00. Eslinger moved, Olson seconded to approve a contract with Gilbertson & Sons to haul and spread millings for the repair of 16th Street at \$80/load. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 Financial Statement: Nancy Lunde presented the 2018 financial statement as prepared by Harold Rotunda and published in the newspaper. Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to approve the 2018 financial statement prepared by Harold Rotunda, CPA. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution Week Proclamation: Eslinger moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve a proclamation by the Mayor, proclaiming the week of September 17-23, 2019 as Constitution Week. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment: Mayor Paintner again appointed Farrah Saxberg as the City Assessor. Zimprich moved, Watne seconded, to ratify the appointment of Farrah Saxberg as City Assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

Dept. Reports:

WSS: Blaine Larson reported on the activities of the city crew for the past month. Blaine reported that smoke testing was completed in the city with 13 leaks located. The city crew has been fixing alleys and the alley by the veterinary clinic has also been fixed. The crew will be jetting sewers in the next few weeks. Blaine stated they are very happy with the new mosquito fogger.

Auditor Report: Nancy Lunde provided the auditor's monthly financial report, payroll report and list of receipts. She asked the council to review the information provided by the Deputy Auditor.

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 Olson. There was a roll call vote with all members in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Permits: Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the Dave Larson Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Zimprich moved, Eslinger seconded, to approve the Curtis McCardle Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Zimprich moved, Olson seconded, to approve the Dana Stewart Building Permit. Motion carried

unanimously. Eslinger moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the GCC Close-Up Local Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

The Preliminary Budget was approved at the August meeting and is available for review at City Hall. The governing body will adopt the final budget during the regular monthly council meeting at city hall on October 7, 2019.

The next regular City Council meeting will be October 7, 2019. Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

September 2019 Bills Paid

AGRI-SALES INCORPORATED	\$325.00
COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT AUTH	\$435.81
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	\$235.44
ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	\$1,389.03
BELLING TREE SERVICE	\$1,050.00
BLAINE LARSON	\$35.00
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$6,800.00
CAROL CARLSON	\$200.00
CHAD JOHNSON	\$35.00
CHRISTINE OLSON	\$35.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	\$29.00
COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER	\$94.00
COACHMAN INN	\$94.00
COOPERSTOWN DRUG	\$232.35
COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	\$215.07
DARCE HOLCOMB	\$17.50
DARRELL MICHAELIS CONSTRUCTION	\$1,279.74
ELECTRIC PUMP	\$10,238.00
ELLEFSON SALES EXCAVATING LLC	\$3,450.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	\$1,530.68
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	\$1,275.63
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$798.76
H E EVERSON	\$152.41
HAWKINS INC	\$1,774.10
HEARTLAND HEATING & COOLING	\$400.00
HOMETOWN SERVICE CENTER	\$343.43
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$2,055.76
GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	\$588.34
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	\$112.00

METRO-BILLING SERVICES	\$374.00
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$125.00
MILLERS FRESH FOODS	\$276.89
NANCY LUNDE	\$35.00
ND ONE CALL, INC	\$26.40
NDRWSA	\$1,075.52
NEW CENTURY PRESS	\$127.50
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$3,010.47
COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	\$1,264.44
STONES MOBILE RADIO INC.	\$1,082.18
T&M PROPERTIES LLC	\$5,400.00
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP	\$81.26
THE HOME SHOP	\$60.00
TOM GILBERTSON & SONS	\$1,376.00
VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO	\$15,535.35
Zoll Medical Corporation GPO	\$595.82