

Cooperstown City Council

January 3, 2018 – City Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Welton Cochrane, Rick Cushman, Lee Watne, and Tim Erickson. Absent: Nic Zimprich and Bryan Ressler. Others in attendance: Blaine Larson, Chris Olson, Nancy Lunde and Matt Monson.

Agenda & Minutes: Cochrane moved, Watne seconded, to approve the agenda with additions and corrections. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion from Cushman, seconded by Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Monson: Matt Monson attended the meeting with a request regarding the safety of the children who reside on the streets in the area where he lives. He would like the City to place stop signs at the intersections of Burrel Avenue and 13th Street. There was discussion regarding stop signs, speeding and other types of signs. The council would like to know how much an electric speed sign costs. They also would like Blaine Larson to look into whether the city owns any Children at Play signs. The council also asked if the citizens who live in that area of town would report to the local sheriff when they witness speeding in the area. The council will look into placing Children at Play signs.

Mayor Paintner asked for a motion to adjourn the regular city council meeting. Erickson moved, Cushman seconded to adjourn the regular city council meeting.

January 3, 2018. City of Cooperstown Water and Sewer Replacement Project. Mayor Paintner opened the public hearing at 7:10 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Rick Cushman, Lee Watne, Tim Erickson and Welton Cochrane. Others in attendance were Blaine Larson, Chris Olson and Nancy Lunde. The public hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant application for the City of Cooperstown Water and Sewer Replacement Project was held. No one appeared to comment, and no written comments were received. The hearing was closed.

Mayor Paintner asked for a motion to adjourn the hearing. Erickson moved, Cushman seconded, to adjourn the public hearing. Cochrane moved, Watne seconded, to reconvene the regular city council meeting.

Designation of Depositories: Erickson moved, Watne seconded, to designate city funds for deposit into two city banks, including Bank Forward and Citizens State Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

City Sales Tax: The city received a letter from the Attorney General stating, that, even though the voters in Cooperstown initially approved a 1% sales tax at an election, that does not limit the City's ability to subsequently increase the sales tax to 1 ½% simply by ordinance. Cooperstown's home rule charter leaves it up to the city governing body to

implement the sales tax through ordinance. Cooperstown's home rule charter simply states the city may have a sales tax, and leaves it up to the city governing body to implement that sales tax by passing an ordinance. After discussion of farm equipment and whether to leave this exempt from city sales tax, Erickson moved, Watne seconded, to leave farm equipment exempt from city sales tax and to repeal a portion of Ordinance No. 2008-1 regarding the maximum tax cap of \$50.00. Motion carried unanimously. This is the 1st reading of the new 2018-1 ordinance regarding removal of the maximum tax cap of \$50.00.

Dept. Reports:

WSS: Blaine Larson reported on the activities of the city crew for the past month. Blaine gave the council information on the sand/salt mix that the state is using on the highways. He stated this works much better than the sand/salt mix the city has been using. The mix we have been using was \$2600 for 5 ton. The state mix is 10 ton for \$830.00. The city would need a building to store the mix in, with an asphalt floor. The council would like Blaine to get an estimate on what it would cost to make the cold storage building ready to store this mix. Blaine stated the Dodge pickup needed new tires. After discussion the council asked Rick Cushman and Tim Erickson to evaluate the wear of the tires. Cochrane moved, Erickson seconded to approve the purchase of tires for the Dodge pickup pending approval of the committee evaluating the tires. Motion carried unanimously. Blaine Larson informed the city council that the landfill can no longer accept wood pallets at the landfill. The office will notify the businesses in the city that the landfill will no longer accept pallets as they are trade waste.

Auditor Report: Nancy Lunde provided the auditor's monthly financial report, payroll report and list of receipts. Nancy informed the council this June the city will have 4 members whose terms will expire. There was discussion again of the rate paid per resident to Brager Disposal. Brager Disposal will leave the residential rate at \$16.75/mo. per resident. They have however raised the rate of the waste removal from \$46.75/mo. to \$238.33/mo. as they stated we have 5 ½ yards of garbage between the 2 dumpsters combined. The council also discussed the utility charges for empty lots and empty homes. The council will table this part of the discussion until the full council is available to make the decision on what their policy will be regarding this. In the meantime Nancy will do research on the cost of mosquito spray and try to determine how much garbage the city and the shop generate.

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

Permits: Cushman moved, Erickson seconded, to approve the Northern Mayflower Lodge Local Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: After discussion Cushman moved, Watne seconded to approve the purchase of 2 properties (Parcels: 21-4001-04791-000 & 21-4001-04832-000) which were forfeited to the county for delinquent taxes, for \$1.00 each plus the filing fees.

Motion carried unanimously. Rick Cushman asked the council to consider placing EMS Parking Only signs on the south side of the ambulance bay. He stated this would help provide parking for firemen and ambulance personnel. After discussion, Cushman moved, Cochrane seconded to approve the purchase of "EMS Parking Only" signs to be placed on the south side of the ambulance building. Motion carried unanimously. Tim Erickson asked for removal of the stop signs on Roberts Avenue. After discussion, Erickson moved, Cushman seconded to approve the removal of the stop signs on Roberts Avenue and 4th Street. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Paintner asked the council to consider approval of city staff help for the EDC. After discussion, Cochrane moved, Erickson seconded to approve of deputy auditor clerical help with EDC meeting minutes during city office hours. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Paintner asked if the spoil pile had been removed from the Knudson property. This was discussed previously at a meeting. This will be tabled until spring. We will also table a discussion with Bob Brooks about the Water Board and Cooper Drain. Mayor Paintner asked about the code for the fire siren. There is also a key for a box in the cold storage. Nancy will ask Randy Myers where the key is being stored. Mayor Paintner asked Blaine Larson about the policy for removal of snow piles in the city. Rick Cushman will get a copy of the snow removal contract the school has currently. This discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

The next regular City Council meeting will be February 5, 2018. Erickson moved, Cushman seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

January 2018 Bills Paid

ND STATE TAX DEPT	\$486.31
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$5,072.41
PACE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	\$20.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$302.87
EFTPS	\$5,660.41
ADAM LARSON	\$150.00
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$65.76
COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT AUTH	\$162.52
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	\$79.01
BLAINE LARSON	\$35.00
BLUETARP FINANCIAL	\$97.47
BOHLMAN PEST CONTROL	\$133.00
BOUQUETS ON BURREL	\$57.46
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$6,536.33
BROWN & SAENGER	\$96.46
CHAD JOHNSON	\$35.00

CHRISTINE OLSON	\$35.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	\$24.00
COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER	\$100.55
COACHMAN INN	\$141.00
COOPERSTOWN TRUE VALUE	\$904.67
DAVID HOFFMAN	\$150.00
DEBRA ESLINGER	\$10.50
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	\$748.00
GRIGGS COUNTY COURIER	\$40.00
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$777.87
HAWKINS INC	\$762.71
HOLLY NEUBERGER	\$10.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$232.34
LAKE AGASSIZ DEV. CORP.	\$1,188.70
GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	\$219.40
ESi Acquisition,Inc.	\$250.00
METRON-FARNIER,LLC	\$12,600.00
MFOA OF ND	\$60.00
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$100.00
MILLERS FRESH FOODS	\$167.81
NANCY LUNDE	\$35.00
NANCY PAINTNER	\$100.38
NEW CENTURY PRESS	\$61.33
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$3,923.75
COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	\$471.67
RANDY MYERS	\$35.00
GRIGGS COUNTY TREASURER	\$2.00
GRIGGS COUNTY RECORDER	\$40.00
REITEN, INC	\$142.33
ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	\$1,246.55
METRO-BILLING SERVICES	\$147.00
H E EVERSON	\$450.45
TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	\$103.74
NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	\$264.97
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$865.63
POSTMASTER	\$156.61
ND EMS ASSOCIATION	\$1,440.00