

Cooperstown City Council

October 1, 2018 – City Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Larry Olson, Rick Cushman, Nic Zimprich, Lee Watne and Deb Eslinger, and Tim Erickson. Others in attendance: Ervin Vogt, JoAnne White, Dawn Bear, Caleb Kjetland, Moore Engineering, Blaine Larson and Nancy Lunde.

Agenda & Minutes: Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to approve the agenda with additions and corrections. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting were approved with corrections with a motion from Zimprich, seconded by Erickson. Motion carried unanimously. Erickson moved, Cushman seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2018 special meeting with corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

Moore Engineering: Caleb Kjetland attended the meeting with information on the project and a request for payment on the Odegard Avenue Alley Water & Sewer Replacement project. There was discussion of the work that has been completed on this project at this time. He stated the city can assess liquidated damages because the project is late, the city workers have accrued hours due to the project and because of damages to the citizens. He stated there have been \$19,000 in liquidated damages to date but that does not mean the city would withhold that whole amount from a payment to the contractor. Caleb Kjetland asked for a partial payment to L2 Contracting. Erickson moved, Eslinger seconded, to approve the Contractor's Application No. 2 for payment of \$49,191.11 to L2 Contracting. Motion carried unanimously.

Final Budget: After discussion Cushman moved, Erickson seconded, to approve the 2019 Final Budget with a property tax levy for the general fund of \$214,737.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Dept. Reports:

WSS: Blaine Larson reported on the activities of the city crew for the past month. He stated work is progressing on the Odegard Avenue Alley Project. Blaine asked the council to consider purchasing another tracer. The city should dedicate one tracer for water and one tracer for sewer. After discussion, Erickson moved, Cushman seconded, to approve the purchase of a Jameson 10-216-200 Little Buddy Electrical Fish Tape Duct tracer. Motion carried unanimously. Blaine informed the council he could not get material from the Highway Department to sand the streets for the coming winter. He stated he could get salt at \$2600/load from Kansas that could be mixed with sand. Rick Cushman stated he would contact Don Vigesaa and Bill Devlin regarding this matter. North Dakota Rural Water Systems recently smoke tested some of the sewer lines within the city. He stated it worked very well and they did find many lines that were uncapped. After discussion, Erickson moved, Olson seconded, to approve citywide smoke testing of all the sewer lines by North Dakota Rural Water Systems. Motion carried unanimously. Blaine will contact them to set a date for the smoke testing.

Blaine stated Chad Johnson and Randy Myers recently tested for the next level of Water Distribution. They received the test results and did not pass the test.

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. She reported Brager Disposal has revised the fee for the city dumpster, lowered it to \$100.00/month. The Auditor asked the city council to approve the certifying of unpaid utility bills to property taxes of residents within the city. Cushman moved, Olson seconded, to approve the certifying of unpaid utility bills to the property taxes of Robert Hook-\$557.44, Rebecca Boggs-\$496.72, LBJ 401K PSP-\$1082.44, Rushmore Loan Management-\$557.69 & Karen Des Rosier-\$557.44. Motion carried unanimously. The council discussed the current cost of yearly rental in the old body shop. After discussion, Cushman moved, Watne seconded to approve an increase in the cost of the storage rental in the old body shop to \$225.00/year. Aye: Cushman, Watne, Erickson, Zimprich & Olson. Nay Eslinger. Motion carried.

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: Eslinger moved, Olson seconded, to approve the Oasis Liquor License. Aye: Eslinger, Olson, Zimprich, Erickson & Watne. Recused due to conflict of interest: Cushman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Nick Zimprich reviewed the 3 copier comparisons with the council. After discussion of the differences between leasing and buying a copier, Zimprich moved, Olson seconded, to approve the lease of a new Konica C308 Marco copier/printer. Aye: Olson, Zimprich, Watne & Eslinger. Nay: Erickson. Recused due to a conflict of interest: Cushman. Motion carried. Tim Erickson asked the council to consider having someone clean out a few areas of the Cooper Drain, especially over by Vernon Knudson's property. Blaine Larson will help write a bid to place in the newspaper to have this work done. Nic Zimprich stated the Melanie Rogers with the Park Board had contacted him regarding some of the projects that they Board needs help with on occasion. She wondered if the Park Board could ask for assistance from the city crew if necessary. These issues will be handled on a case by case basis.

The next regular City Council meeting will be November 5, 2018. Zimprich moved, Olson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

October 2018 Bills Paid

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$44.13
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	\$94.08
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS, INC	\$1,719.00
BLAINE LARSON	\$35.00
BLUETARP FINANCIAL	\$319.96
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$7,135.00
CANAD INNS - GRAND FORKS	\$445.40
CHAD JOHNSON	\$65.00
CHRISTINE OLSON	\$35.00
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	\$29.00
COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER	\$13.60
COACHMAN INN	\$188.00
COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	\$418.22
ELECTRIC PUMP	\$1,441.78
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	\$7,042.45
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$791.08
GRIGGS STEELE EMPOWERMENT ZONE	\$9,433.25
H E EVERSON	\$148.07
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTONS,LLC	\$31.77
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$407.49
LARRY OLSON	\$95.38
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$125.00
MILLERS FRESH FOODS	\$112.16
MOORE ENGINEERING INC	\$11,771.40
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY	\$30.00
NANCY LUNDE	\$238.47
ND HEALTH LABORATORY	\$353.10
ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$645.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS	\$97.86
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	\$1,074.00
RANDY MYERS	\$35.00
SAWYER MARKEL	\$150.00
STARION BOND SERVICES	\$36,411.75
USA BLUE BOOK	\$3,634.50
WALLWORK TRUCK CENTER	\$75.59