

Cooperstown City Council

October 2, 2017 – City Hall – 7:00 PM

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present included Paul Paintner, Lee Watne, Welton Cochrane, Rick Cushman and Nic Zimprich. Absent: Tim Erickson and Bryan Ressler. Others in attendance: Blaine Larson, Nancy Lunde, Bob Brooks, Alan Jacobson, Jim and Jan Tenneson.

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

Griggs County Water Board: Bob Brooks and Alan Jacobson attended the city council meeting on behalf of the Griggs County Water Board. Alan stated the final payment made on the loan from the city has satisfied the loan. Bob and Alan stated all the members of the Water Board will be resigning from the board. They stated the County Commissioners are impossible to work with. They will be appointing new members to this board. Bob Brooks asked if the city could clean an area of the drain by Vernon Knudson's fence which is full of weeds. Blaine stated he will look at the area.

James Tenneson: Jim Tenneson attended the meeting regarding his property at 1515 15th St. NE in Cooperstown. He had questions about how that area is zoned. He also had questions about conditional use permits and possibly building a carwash in that area. He stated he would take the garage down this fall and would demolish the house in the spring. He felt there would not be enough time this fall to accomplish this. There was a discussion of the cost to demolish a home and the issues with asbestos if it is found in a building. There was a discussion of the current cap on landfill fees for a house demolition and the costs of digging a new pit at the landfill when it is filled. The council decided to make no changes at this time.

Budget: After discussion Cushman moved, Cochrane seconded, to approve the 2018 Final Budget with a property tax levy of \$214,737.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Dept. Reports:

WSS: Blaine Larson reported on the activities of the city crew for the past month. There was discussion of the current Personnel Policy. There have been questions the past month on the Bereavement Leave portion of the policy. Zimprich moved, Cushman seconded, to approve a replacement vacation day for Chad Johnson which he used for a funeral. The current Personnel Policy states an employee may use a bereavement day with council approval if you are a pall bearer. Employees will be responsible for notifying the auditor's office when attending a funeral and when acting as a pall bearer. Motion carried unanimously. Welton Cochrane inquired how the crack sealing has been going. The council asked Blaine Larson to ask Belling Tree Service for a quote to go through the city and trim branches off the trees. This will allow the city crew to move

along with the crack sealing and hopefully get much of the city completed before winter. The council can hold a special meeting if needed to approve a quote from Belling Tree Service.

Auditor Report: Nancy Lunde provided the auditor's monthly financial report, payroll report and list of receipts. Nancy asked for approval from the council to certify unpaid utility bills to the property taxes of 7 residents of Cooperstown and read the names and amounts owing to the council. Cochrane moved, Cushman seconded, to approve the certifying of unpaid utility bills to the property taxes of Bob Hook-\$351.20, Merlin Lende-\$10,055.82, LBJ 401k PSP-\$899.84, Karen Des Rosier-\$508.32, Novad Management Consulting-\$367.36, James Woodstead-\$1199.36 and Enner Turner-\$508.32. Motion carried unanimously. Nancy stated the city has implemented a Safety Program with Workforce Safety Insurance. Chris Olson will act as Safety Coordinator of the Safety Program. If we implement this program and satisfy the requirements we will receive a \$2500.00 credit on our premium. This will involve the ambulance squad, and the fulltime and part-time employees of the city. There are grants available through this program for equipment that helps with the safety of employees and can prevent injuries to employees.

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 Griggs County Central SADD Local Permit. Motion carried unanimously. After discussion of what is permitted within our zoning ordinance regarding lot-lines and what is allowed for fences, Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the Phillip Steichen Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Zimprich moved, Cochrane seconded, to approve the Gary Lunde Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Zimprich moved, Watne seconded, to approve the Elmer Gronneberg Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Cochrane moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the Ben Nelson Building Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Watne Moved, Cushman seconded, to approve the Post Prom Local Permit. Motion carried unanimously. Cochrane moved, Cushman seconded to approve the Enner Turner Demolition Permit. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

There was discussion of the millings put down on 1st street. This has helped with the dust. The council discussed the Ervin Vogt property in Cooperstown and the problem with garbage and abandoned vehicles in his yard. A notice has been served to him regarding the problem. Nancy will let the council know when a hearing will need to be held regarding this. Nic Zimprich asked questions regarding the new dog/cat ordinance that was approved last month. The council will need to appoint an animal warden.

The next regular City Council meeting will be November 6, 2017. Zimprich moved, Cushman seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

October 2017 Bills Paid

ND STATE TAX DEPT	\$511.32
PACE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	\$20.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$4,956.37
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$274.98
VISA	\$74.90
EFTPS	\$6,050.28
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$93.23
COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT AUTH	\$39.92
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	\$74.16
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS, INC	\$1,719.00
BLAINE LARSON	\$35.00
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$6,663.00
BROWN & SAENGER	\$372.11
BUILDING SYSTEMS CORP.	\$1,000.00
CAROL CARLSON	\$1,150.17
CHAD JOHNSON	\$35.00
CHRISTINE OLSON	\$132.32
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	\$24.00
COOPERSTOWN TRUE VALUE	\$342.79
CURTIS MCCARDLE	\$150.00
ELLEFSON SALES & EXCAVATING	\$13,162.50
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS	\$89.07
FEHR ELECTRIC	\$143.63
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$769.80
GRIGGS STEELE EMPOWERMENT ZONE	\$9,433.25
H E EVERSON	\$45.94
HAWKINS INC	\$1,085.91
LAKE AGASSIZ DEV. CORP.	\$1,188.70
GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	\$53.89
LUMBER MART INC	\$3,625.71
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$100.00
MILLERS FRESH FOODS	\$26.85
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY	\$25.00
NANCY LUNDE	\$40.29
ND Dept. of Health	\$357.80
NEW CENTURY PRESS	\$82.56
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$2,913.51
COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	\$115.81

PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	\$1,074.00
RANDY MYERS	\$35.00
RICK RAHLF	\$562.50
ROBERT DIETCHMAN	\$57.00
STARION BOND SERVICES	\$38,666.25
TIM HOYT	\$562.50
V W MOTORS INC	\$40.44
SANFORD HEALTH - OCCUPATIONAL	\$120.00
ND ONE CALL, INC	\$20.55
AGRI-SALES INCORPORATED	\$1,115.00
USA BLUE BOOK	\$109.92
STOCKLAND & SON CONSTRUCTION	\$305.00
COOPERSTOWN DRUG	\$3.79
ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	\$1,096.98
TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	\$62.27
POSTMASTER	\$159.98
FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	\$96.86
METRO-BILLING SERVICES	\$1,306.00
ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$675.00
DELTA HOTELS	\$354.04
INLAND POTABLE SERVICES	\$4,312.00
NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	\$234.81
CITY OF COOPERSTOWN	\$141.61