

Cooperstown City Council

February 5, 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, Nic Zimprich, Tim Erickson, Bryan Ressler and Lee Watne. Others in attendance: Blaine Larson, Nancy Lunde, Sherry Steffen, Todd Steffen and Dean Myers.

Agenda & Minutes: Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the agenda with additions and corrections. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting were approved with a motion from Erickson, seconded by Cushman. Motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Zaun: Sherry Steffen attended the meeting as Michelle Zaun had another commitment. Sherry presented a petition signed by residents in their neighborhood and gave information regarding the stop signs which previously had been removed from Roberts and 4th Street. She urged the city council to replace these signs. The general feeling is the council cannot place stop signs on every intersection in town. Several council members urged Sherry and Todd Steffen to contact the Sheriff's office and report cars who are speeding on those streets. Dean Myers reported his views of the traffic movement in the area. He stated there are no longer vehicles revving their engines at the stop sign. Again, the council urged the residents who live in that area of town to contact their Sheriff with their concerns regarding speeding vehicles. The council discussed placing Children at Play signs for the time being to see if this helps with speeding in the area. They can revisit the issue later if needed. The council also asked the auditor's office to email quotes to the council regarding the cost of radar speed signs, possibly with video included on the sign. They feel this could be an option for the city to address the speeding problem. After much discussion, Watne moved, Cochrane seconded, to approve the purchase of 3 Children at Play signs for placement along Roberts and 4th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution: Nancy Lunde brought a resolution prepared by the city attorney for approval. Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded to approve a Resolution of Necessity regarding the platted Lots 3,4,6,7,13,14,14A and Lot 1 of Block 2 and Lots 1 and 3 of Block 4 of the Replat of Lot 2 of the Southwestern Addition. The resolution will be published, and the council will discuss the resolution at the March 5, 2018 city council meeting to allow for consideration of objections. Motion carried unanimously. The council also asked Nancy to check on the location of the abstract. The city should be able to retain possession of this when all issues with this matter are complete.

Abatements: After discussion Erickson moved, Watne seconded, to approve the abatement of property taxes for 2 properties purchased from the county which had been forfeited to the county for delinquent taxes (Parcel: 21-4001-04791-000 & 21-4001-04832-000). Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-1: Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2018-1, An Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance No 2008-1 of the City of Cooperstown and to establish and regulate the city sales, use and gross receipts tax under the Home Rule Charter of the City of Cooperstown. The only revision in this ordinance was to remove the \$50.00 sales tax cap that was included in ordinance 2008-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Moore Engineering: Blaine Larson reported on the water & sewer project. He stated that Moore Engineering needs to submit changes to the State regarding the project. Cochrane moved, Ressler seconded to approve the project changes submitted by Moore Engineering on the Cooperstown Water & Sewer Replacement Odegard Avenue Alley Project. Motion carried unanimously. Nancy Lunde brought a map and information from Moore Engineering regarding an upcoming Cooperstown Municipal Airport Authority project. She stated the FAA is requiring the Airport Authority to purchase more land located around the airport. A portion of the land is owned by the City of Cooperstown. Moore Engineering is asking if the City would approve the sale of a portion of city property and approve an easement of another portion of City property located by the airport. Moore Engineering is just trying to get a general feeling from all land owners in the area before they go any further with the project. The City Council felt if approached they would approve the sale.

Dept. Reports:

WSS: Blaine Larson reported on the activities of the city crew for the past month. The crew has been busy hauling snow and hauling rip rap at the lagoon. They have almost completed the lining of the ponds at the lagoon. Blaine stated he is trying to get approval from the district supervisor of the DOT to purchase road salt as needed for use in the city. He will contact Vernon Ott to set up a meeting with his district supervisor.

Auditor Report: Nancy Lunde provided the auditor's monthly financial report, payroll report and list of receipts. Nancy asked for approval from the council regarding the date of the Cooperstown Tax Equalization meeting. Ressler moved, Zimprich seconded to approve the second Tuesday in April, April 10, 2018 for the Cooperstown Tax Equalization meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Nancy reminded the council of a Meet & Greet on February 21, 2018 at the courthouse to meet the new Griggs County Emergency Managers. Nancy gave a report on revenue and expense for the Mosquito fund. Expenses are two times higher than the revenue. Rick Cushman moved to raise the fee on the utility bill to \$3.00. This brought the discussion to which properties are being charged this fee. After much discussion of properties with no buildings, properties with buildings and properties with unlive in buildings, the motion died for lack of a second. The council would like more information on how many properties the city has in each of these categories and more information on past decisions made by the city council regarding this. Nancy and Chris will email information to the council regarding these properties to give the council time to research and form an opinion before the next regular council meeting.

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

Permits: Cushman moved, Zimprich seconded, to approve the Cooperstown Golf Club Liquor License. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed at this time.

The next regular City Council meeting will be March 5, 2018. Erickson moved, Zimprich seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Nancy Lunde, City Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

February 2018 Bills Paid

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA	\$19,332.38
PACE PAYMENT SYSTEMS	\$20.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$5,436.65
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$302.87
VISA	\$676.75
EFTPS	\$5,464.58
ND WATER & POLLUTION CONTROL	\$0.00
ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	\$37.46
COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT AUTH	\$2,841.11
AMERIPRIDE SERVICES	\$79.01
ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	\$130.00
BLAINE LARSON	\$35.00
BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	\$6,536.33
BROWN & SAENGER	\$27.99
CCAA	\$3,000.00
CHAD JOHNSON	\$35.00
CHRISTINE OLSON	\$141.98
CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA	\$29.00
COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER	\$356.13
COACHMAN INN	\$94.00
COOPER MECHANICAL INC.	\$258.84
COOPERSTOWN TRUE VALUE	\$313.76
GENERAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES I	\$78.43
GRAND FORKS FIRE EQUIP CO.	\$292.89
GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	\$785.20
GRIGGS COUNTY TREASURER	\$25,645.16
HACH COMPANY	\$0.00
HAWKINS INC	\$954.06

HENRY SCHEIN INC.	\$102.80
HOLLY NEUBERGER	\$39.24
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$94.03
KRABbenhOFT SERVICE	\$622.48
LAKE AGASSIZ DEV. CORP.	\$1,188.70
LAKE AGASSIZ WATER AUTHORITY	\$250.00
LEE WATNE	\$189.01
GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	\$3,648.63
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$100.00
MILLERS FRESH FOODS	\$46.35
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACADEMY	\$25.00
NANCY LUNDE	\$35.00
ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$830.90
ND ONE CALL, INC	\$2.00
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	\$142.40
OTTER TAIL POWER CO	\$5,410.13
COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	\$11,608.39
RANDY MYERS	\$35.00
REITEN, INC	\$626.45
SWEENEY CONTROLS CO.	\$1,031.50
T&K SALES	\$150.00
USA BLUE BOOK	\$456.64
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	\$5,775.00
VIKING SIGNS	\$250.00
WELTON COCHRANE	\$293.23
WSI	\$5,227.25
TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	\$89.83
ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	\$2,199.96
H E EVERSON	\$102.61
POSTMASTER	\$155.77
ND HEALTH LABORATORY	\$11.77
METRO-BILLING SERVICES	\$273.00
NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	\$261.43
COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER	\$19.43
QUALITY INN & SUITES	\$195.80
HACH COMPANY	\$464.22
BROWN & SAENGER	\$220.99
HENRY SCHEIN INC.	\$986.34