

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting October 4, 2021

The Cooperstown City Council met Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Larry Olson, Deb Eslinger, Steve Perry and Allen Gruman. Others present: Public Works Blaine Larson and David Ludwig, Auditor Christine Olson, Deputy Auditor Naomi Trostad, Attorney Travis Peterson by phone, Moore Engineer Brandon Smith, Scott Bingham, Preston Savre, Vicki Blackburn, Tom Dahl, and Braxton Meehan. Absent: Lee Watne and Tim Erickson. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to approve Sept. 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to approve Sept. 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to approve Sept. 23, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Paintner adjourned the City Council Meeting. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to move the meeting to Public Hearing. Paintner opened the public hearing. Council held discussion regarding NAPA nuisance. Motion by Perry, seconded by Eslinger to dismiss the nuisance complaint against NAPA property. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion regarding Savre nuisance resulted in a motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to dismiss the nuisance complaint against Savre property. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on Morrison nuisance resulted in a motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to dismiss the nuisance complaint against Morrison property. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to close the public hearings. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Paintner reconvened the regular City Council meeting. Travis Peterson left the meeting.

Brandon Smith with Moore Engineering provided a progress report on the Street Improvement project. Brandon gave information on a change in milling on some streets along the curb from 2 feet wide to 4 feet wide, with estimated increase of \$20,000.00. Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to approve the change based on Andrew Aakre's final recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. Brandon presented Contractors Application for Payment in the amount of \$1,205,398.44. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve payment. Motion passed, with Perry voting Nay. Brandon recommends enforcing the liquidated damages of \$2,100.00 per calendar day to cover financial losses due to work being incomplete by deadline of October 8, 2021. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Perry to enforce the liquidated damages. Motion carried unanimously

Discussion was held regarding Russell Stokkeland nuisance. Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to abate the blight that we can on the Russell Stokkeland property. Motion carried unanimously. Christine will talk with Travis Peterson to develop a plan for handling the camper nuisances. Perry brought up the Finley Farmers & Grain Elevator has some blight at their property that should be taken care of.

Christine asked the council to determine a fee for Off-Sale Liquor license to be established. Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to set the fee for an Off-Sale Liquor License to be set at \$1,500.00 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding remaining work to be done on the Cooper Drain. Christine shared an email that was sent to Tami Norgard, the GCWRD attorney. Gruman gave thoughts on work the city could perform. It was agreed the city should do what they could. Tom Dahl gave information on the drain, letting the council know that work done by Naastad's looked very good. He reported on the work he had done, stating he moved spoil piles that were left from original construction and past cleaning of the drain. Tom stated the Water Board would not stand in the way of any maintenance the city would want to perform on the drain. Perry suggested that the city budget and plan for additional work to be done in stages before proceeding.

Tom Dahl informed the council that his neighbor built an addition to their home several years ago that crosses the property line. The council took no action as it had been done many years ago. Tom has approached the county recorder

about splitting his lot with the neighbor.

Christine informed the council that the asbestos inspection has been completed on the old body shop building. The inspector felt there may be some asbestos located in the office area. The report has not been received yet. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to request bids to have the building torn down once the asbestos has been removed. Motion carried unanimously.

Blaine Larson reported on the activity of the street crew for the past month. He presented 3 quotes for an excavator vacuum. No decision was made on this equipment until further research can be done.

Christine provided an update on the railroad property that Louis Halvorson purchased from the city, as nothing has been filed with the county recorder yet. Christine asked the council to approve certifying of unpaid utility bills to property taxes. Motion by Gruman, seconded by Perry to certify Community Loan Servicing - \$176.48, Joe Dahlberg - \$132.99, Russell Stokkeland - \$214.00, EC Turner - \$404.50, Danielle Ethan - \$381.87, Rebecca Boggs - \$194.01, Clayton Williams - \$270.32, Josh Engelking - \$646.50, Christopher Davidson - \$288.94, Tom Dahl - \$372.96, Rushmore Loan Management - \$510.57, Thomas Olsen - \$192.11, Herb Hill - \$196.96, Brianna Zaun - \$214.53, Neal Watne - \$510.32 to property taxes. Motion carried unanimously. Christine presented a list of property's that are receiving city services but are not within city limits and asked the council to consider approaching them about annexing to be within city limits.

The financial reports and list of bills were presented. After review and discussion of fund balances, motion by Perry, seconded by Eslinger to transfer funds with Harold Rotunda's recommendation into the highway and garbage funds to bring them into the positive. Motion carried unanimously. Christine asked the council to determine an hourly amount for labor Tim Erickson spent working on the Cooper Drain. Motion by Gruman to pay Tim \$17.00 per hour; motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to pay Erickson \$21.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Olson, seconded by Perry to approve payment of the bills presented. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Perry to approve the 2022 Final Budget with a property tax levy for the general fund of \$214,737.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Gruman asked about the pay council members receive for attending meetings, with the suggestion that pay be given for each meeting attended. No action was taken.

Motion by Gruman, seconded by Perry to approve a Liquor License renewal for Di's Oasis. Motion passed unanimously. After discussion on a building permit submitted by Jerry Hohertz for an addition to his home, the topic was tabled until the next regular meeting.

The next regular meeting will be November 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Perry, seconded by Olson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

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Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
1130 Citizens State			
110573e	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10/1/2021	\$7,767.75 BLUE CROSS
110578e	ND STATE TAX DEPT	10/7/2021	\$420.87 Quarterly Payroll Taxes
110579e	VERIZON WIRELESS	10/12/2021	\$120.03 MIFI INTERNET
110583e	EFTPS	11/3/2021	\$5,695.55 PAYROLL TAXES
112355	ABRAHAM GENERATOR SALES	10/4/2021	\$150.00 Labor at Howard lift generator
112356	COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT	10/4/2021	\$228.20 AIRPORT PROPERTY TAX
112357	ARAMARK	10/4/2021	\$207.04 Towels, mops, mats
112358	BANYON DATA SYSTEMS, INC	10/4/2021	\$2,909.00 Vault Backup Support
112359	BITUMINOUS PAVING INC	10/4/2021	\$1,205,398.44 CAP4 Project 2020-1 & 2021-1
112360	BLAINE LARSON	10/4/2021	\$35.00 CELLPHONE-GENERAL
112361	CHAD JOHNSON	10/4/2021	\$35.00 CELLPHONE
112362	CHRISTINE OLSON	10/4/2021	\$230.55 CELLPHONE
112363	CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOT	10/4/2021	\$14.00 WATER SAMPLES
112364	COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CEN	10/4/2021	\$115.57 Amb supplies
112365	COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	10/4/2021	\$117.71 WTP-Lubricant/tape/supplies
112366	DAKOTA SEAMLESS GUTTERS	10/4/2021	\$500.00 Replace gutter on east side of city hall
112367	DAVID LUDWIG	10/4/2021	\$341.46 CELLPHONE
112368	ELECTRIC PUMP	10/4/2021	\$11,483.42 Howard lift repair
112369	ELLEFSON SALES EXCAVATING	10/4/2021	\$5,180.00 Landfill-excavator & cat work
112370	FINLEY MOTORS INC	10/4/2021	\$312.17 Amb-climate control assembly
112371	GILBERTSONS	10/4/2021	\$1,025.42 Truck repairs
112372	GRANT HEDSTROM	10/4/2021	\$770.00 Cooper Drain-tractor/disk rental
112373	GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	10/4/2021	\$627.70 AUDITOR
112374	H E EVERSON	10/4/2021	\$249.74 Fire dept - gloves
112375	HAWKINS INC	10/4/2021	\$3,322.29 Azone, Clearitas, Potassium permanganate
112376	HENRY SCHEIN INC.	10/4/2021	\$270.31 Amb-Nebulizer kit; SAM chest seal
112377	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	10/4/2021	\$317.74 Nozzle strainer
112378	LEVAYS TREE REMOVAL SERVI	10/4/2021	\$750.00 Tree removal/branch trimming
112379	GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	10/4/2021	\$231.80 LIBRARY PROPERTY TAX
112380	LVC SYSTEMS	10/4/2021	\$100.00 IT support
112381	MEDICA	10/4/2021	\$810.78 Amb-Insurance overpayment
112382	MILLERS FRESH FOODS	10/4/2021	\$172.85 Amb food
112383	MOORE ENGINEERING INC	10/4/2021	\$62,204.58 2021-1 Water main replacement
112384	NAOMI TROSTAD	10/4/2021	\$35.00 Cell phone
112385	NAPA AUTO CARE CENTER	10/4/2021	\$25.00 Gator tire lab
112386	ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	10/4/2021	\$500.00 Annual conference-Chris/Naomi
112387	ND ONE CALL, INC	10/4/2021	\$60.00 LOCATES-48
112388	NEW CENTURY PRESS	10/4/2021	\$481.69 MINUTES
112389	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	10/4/2021	\$3,228.46 CITY HALL
112390	COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	10/4/2021	\$1,998.86 PARK BOARD PROPERTY TX
112391	PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	10/4/2021	\$1,074.00 Fire E-dispatch
112392	PETERSON LAW OFFICES	10/4/2021	\$4,810.00 July-August-Sept legal fees
112393	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	10/4/2021	\$345.60 Chris & Naomi annual conference
112394	RAMKOTA HOTEL & CONF. CEN	10/4/2021	\$99.00 David Conference/testing
112395	REITEN, INC	10/4/2021	\$182.22 Make & repair curb stop tool; make cover
112396	SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	10/4/2021	\$235.19 Sweeper mirror
112397	THE HOME SHOP	10/4/2021	\$354.90 Fire extinguisher maintenance
112398	TIM ERICKSON	10/4/2021	\$310.00 Cooper Drain Bobcat/tree puller use
112399	ZIONS BANK	10/4/2021	\$58,420.98 Refunding Improvement Bond 2021A-Interest
112400	Zoll Medical Corporation GPO	10/4/2021	\$258.30 Ambulance-cuff kit
112401	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	10/5/2021	\$6,800.00 CITY HALL DUMPSTER
112402	CORE & MAIN	10/6/2021	\$13,627.13 Service box/spoons
112403	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	10/6/2021	\$1,503.74 CITY FUEL

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112404	Noridian Medicare JF Part B Re	10/6/2021	\$1,269.64	Insurance refund
112405	US POSTAL SERVICE	10/7/2021	\$1,884.12	Special assessment refund 2012-2018
112406	METRO-BILLING SERVICES	10/7/2021	\$253.00	11 claims
112407	TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	10/7/2021	\$250.90	FIRE-FUEL
112408	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	10/12/2021	\$112.00	COPIER LEASE
112409	NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIV	10/12/2021	\$201.95	MAIN LIFT
112410	FERGUSON ENT-DBA POLLARD	10/12/2021	\$82.95	Pressure & flow gauge test
112411	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #25	10/12/2021	\$1,428.34	Pacer pumper gasket/Meter bottoms
112412	US POSTAL SERVICE	10/22/2021	\$196.70	Mailing utility bills
112413	Dept of Veterans Affairs	10/19/2021	\$2,879.86	Refund of overpayment on ambulance claim
112414	ND ONE CALL, INC	10/25/2021	\$59.45	Underpaid prior invoice
112415	Briss, Craig	10/31/2021	\$184.70	
112416	Eli, Valerie Ann	10/31/2021	\$184.70	
112417	Johnson, Chad A.	10/31/2021	\$2,564.09	
112418	Keller, Julie M	10/31/2021	\$1,468.78	
112419	Ludwig, David O	10/31/2021	\$2,433.63	
112420	Martin, Amanda R	10/31/2021	\$553.80	
112421	Michaelis, Bennett W	10/31/2021	\$717.56	
112422	Moser, Christopher I	10/31/2021	\$88.66	
112423	Olson, Christine L	10/31/2021	\$2,593.49	
112424	Paintner, Nancy	10/31/2021	\$341.50	
112425	Paintner, Paul	10/31/2021	\$198.04	
112465	BITUMINOUS PAVING INC	11/3/2021	\$1,312,975.08	CAP5 Project 2020-1 & 2021-1
502626e	Monthly ACH	10/31/2021	\$10,684.07	
	Total Checks		\$2,750,072.05	