

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting March 4, 2024

The Cooperstown City Council met Monday, March 4, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Deb Eslinger, Larry Olson, Charles Dehoff, and Allen Gruman. Others present: Auditor Christine Olson, Public Works David Ludwig, and Griggs County Deputy Tyler Rispa. Absent: Steve Perry. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to approve the February 5, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Deputy Rispa talked to the council about the policing contract, and that the Griggs County Commissioners would like to have a joint meeting to discuss the contract at their regular meeting on March 18 or April 1.

Christine presented a letter from Swanson & Warcup regarding the Stephen & Cindy Scott vs. City of Cooperstown suit. The defendants have offered to pay \$1,600.00 to settle the counter claim made by the city. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to accept the offer. Motion carried.

Christine presented an email response from Andrew Aakre of Moore Engineering regarding the special assessments for Zion Lutheran Church. This will be tabled until the next meeting as Perry is the one who wanted to discuss this matter.

Christine presented an email response from Brian Osowski of AMKO Advisors regarding what can be done with the excess bond money. This will be tabled until the next meeting as Perry is the one who requested the information.

Ludwig gave a report for the public works department. Ludwig presented quotes from Midstates Equipment & Supply for crack sealing materials; \$33,945.00 for a full semi load and \$17,625.00 for a half semi load. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Gruman to purchase a full load of materials at \$33,945.00. Motion carried. Ludwig presented quotes from Naastad Brothers and Scherbenske to do the spot repair of the sewer line on Cherokee Court. The council is requesting an itemized quote from Scherbenske before making any decisions. Ludwig also reported that the painting inside the Water Treatment Plant has been completed, a water break on Newell Ave was repaired, he attended the annual water expo, and Sanitation Products has been scheduled to come do some maintenance on the street sweeper. Ludwig reported that Timothy Varberg quit at the end of the day; there was discussion on hiring summer help and contract work to get bigger jobs done. A request was made to get quotes for crack sealing to be completed by a contractor. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Dehoff to hold off on purchasing any crack seal materials until we get some more information on hiring a contractor to do the work. Motion carried, with Gruman voting nay.

Christine provided the auditor's report. The Fire Department and Ambulance squad are talking about the need for a new building, and a couple of city council members are needed to be on a building committee; Eslinger and Olson volunteered. Christine called Craig Siek to see what his plan is to remove the remaining items the city moved from his property to the landfill. He would like to wait until the snow is gone and the area is dried up. Christine asked how the city clean up should be handled this year and when it should be held. Everyone liked having a spring and fall clean up last year, so that will be continued. Ludwig will select the dates and let the office know so notices to residents can be made. Christine talked about the Lead Service Line Inventory post cards that were sent to residents and encouraged everyone to complete the survey if they had not already done so. Spring Conference will be March 19-20, and Naomi Trostad will be attending. Christine will be out of the office on March 15 for surgery and is hoping to be back in the office March 18 or 19.

The financial report was presented. Per the request by Perry last month, money in Fund 508 can be moved to another fund, but first must be moved into the General Fund. Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Olson to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried. The list of bills was presented. Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Olson to approve payment of

the bills presented. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion passed unanimously.

The sidewalk to city hall needs repairs. Christine will get quotes to replace from city hall to the street as well as the portion running north to south along the road.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Dehoff to approve a building permit submitted by Katherine Hill. Motion carried.

Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Gruman to approve a local permit submitted by the Cooperstown Community Club. Motion carried.

The subject of barking dogs was discussed. Unless we have a way of enforcing ordinances, the only thing that we can do is talk to the owners. The Sheriff's department has taken a few calls regarding this, and talked to some residents, but they cannot do anything.

Linda Parks submitted a letter to the council requesting chickens be allowed within city limits. No action was taken.

Gruman brought up some resident concerns about water not flowing in front of their homes. One resident has caused the water flow issue as his driveway cement was not poured properly. No action was taken.

The next regular meeting will be April 1, 2024, at 7 pm.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Dehoff to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

1130 Citizens State

110776e	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	3/7/2024	\$7,167.70	March health insurance premium
110777e	VERIZON WIRELESS	3/12/2024	\$120.03	MIFI INTERNET
110778e	VISA	3/12/2024	\$469.02	Microsoft Office
110779e	NDPERS	4/1/2024	\$2,443.46	RETIREMENT
110780e	EFTPS	4/1/2024	\$5,543.39	PAYROLL TAXES
114446	COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT	3/4/2024	\$133.10	Property tax
114447	ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM	3/4/2024	\$110.00	CPR training/heart saver cards
114448	ARAMARK	3/4/2024	\$309.06	Towels, mops, mats
114449	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	3/4/2024	\$486.00	City hall propane
114450	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	3/4/2024	\$6,800.00	CITY HALL DUMPSTER
114451	BRITE WAY WINDOW CLEANING	3/4/2024	\$143.00	City hall window cleaning
114452	CHRISTINE OLSON	3/4/2024	\$35.00	Cell phone
114453	CHRISTIAN-CDJR	3/4/2024	\$528.98	Ambulance 2016 rig oil change/lube/filters
114454	CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOT	3/4/2024	\$14.00	WATER SAMPLES
114455	COACHMAN INN	3/4/2024	\$397.50	Holly lodging x 7 nights
114456	COOPERSTOWN COMMUNITY C	3/4/2024	\$25.00	2024 annual dues
114457	COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	3/4/2024	\$850.22	Ambulance auto washing supplies
114458	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	3/4/2024	\$987.75	6" Coupling
114459	DAVID LUDWIG	3/4/2024	\$35.00	CELLPHONE
114460	ELLEFSON SALES EXCAVATING	3/4/2024	\$2,500.00	Water leak on Newell Ave & 6th St
114461	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUC	3/4/2024	\$2,051.84	AED Electrodes
114462	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #25	3/4/2024	\$1,871.83	Curb stop
114463	F-M AMBULANCE SERVICE	3/4/2024	\$75.00	H Neuberger 2024 training dues
114464	FOSTER COUNTY MEDICAL CEN	3/4/2024	\$100.00	CDL physical - David Ludwig
114465	HAWKINS INC	3/4/2024	\$2,002.68	Azone, potassium permanganate
114466	INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTION	3/4/2024	\$220.99	City checks
114467	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	3/4/2024	\$844.47	Tire chains
114468	Judy Gray	3/4/2024	\$244.13	Utility overpayment/refund
114469	JULIE KELLER	3/4/2024	\$215.00	Feb 2024 cleaning
114470	LACEY DEHOFF	3/4/2024	\$162.65	EMS conference meals/mileage
114471	GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	3/4/2024	\$186.34	Property tax
114472	LVC SYSTEMS	3/4/2024	\$390.00	Repair corrupt files
114473	MICHELLE ZAUN	3/4/2024	\$50.00	City vehicle decals
114474	MILLERS FRESH FOODS	3/4/2024	\$45.15	Janitorial supplies
114475	Minnesota Valley Testing Labs	3/4/2024	\$321.00	Testing of oil in lift #4
114476	NANCY PAINTNER	3/4/2024	\$29.96	Bags for linens
114477	NAOMI TROSTAD	3/4/2024	\$35.00	Cell phone
114478	NDDEQ	3/4/2024	\$18.54	Water sample
114479	NEW CENTURY PRESS	3/4/2024	\$123.90	2/5/24 minutes
114480	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	3/4/2024	\$4,653.00	CITY HALL
114481	COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	3/4/2024	\$9,726.83	Property tax
114482	FERGUSON ENT-DBA POLLARD	3/4/2024	\$525.25	Plas com-pax-ial blower
114483	POSTMASTER	3/4/2024	\$320.00	Yearly presort bulk mail permit
114484	SANFORD HEALTH - OCCUPATI	3/4/2024	\$129.00	Ambulance annual drug screen admin fee
114485	TIM VARBERG	3/4/2024	\$35.00	Cell phone
114486	UtilityLogic	3/4/2024	\$1,220.00	Locator
114487	WSI	3/4/2024	\$524.38	2024 premium
114488	GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	3/5/2024	\$628.29	AUDITOR
114489	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	3/6/2024	\$496.53	City fuel
114490	ND ONE CALL, INC	3/6/2024	\$3.35	Locates x 3
114491	T&M PROPERTIES LLC	3/7/2024	\$5,400.00	6 month shop lease
114492	TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	3/7/2024	\$978.72	Ambulance fuel
114493	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	3/8/2024	\$405.00	City hall propane

114494	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	3/11/2024	\$114.73	COPIER LEASE
114495	ND EMS ASSOCIATION	3/12/2024	\$1,910.00	Hannah Zaun conference registration
114496	NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIV	3/13/2024	\$247.08	MAIN LIFT
114498	CC STEEL LLC	3/19/2024	\$18,833.08	Jetting & televising sewer lines
114499	METRO-BILLING SERVICES	3/19/2024	\$72.00	Claims x 3
114500	POSTMASTER	3/20/2024	\$240.82	Utility billing postage
114501	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	3/20/2024	\$320.76	City hall propane
114502	Briss, Craig	3/31/2024	\$392.49	
114503	Flatt, Matthew	3/31/2024	\$325.08	
114504	Flatt, Terrah	3/31/2024	\$66.50	
114505	Keller, Julie M	3/31/2024	\$898.56	
114506	Ludwig, David O	3/31/2024	\$4,097.86	
114507	Martin, Amanda R	3/31/2024	\$357.40	
114508	Monson, Dennis	3/31/2024	\$184.01	
114509	Moser, Christopher I	3/31/2024	\$166.23	
114510	Olson, Christine L	3/31/2024	\$3,050.95	
114511	Paintner, Nancy	3/31/2024	\$878.12	
114512	Paintner, Paul	3/31/2024	\$610.53	
114513	Urness, Mark	3/31/2024	\$580.88	
114514	Varberg, Timothy G.	3/31/2024	\$670.65	
114515	ZAUN, HANNAH, C	3/31/2024	\$132.98	
114516	Zimprich, Donald	3/31/2024	\$169.00	
503091e	Monthly ACH	3/31/2024	\$12,637.79	
	Total Checks		\$110,089.54	