

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting March 6, 2023

The Cooperstown City Council met Monday, February 6, at 7:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Deb Eslinger, Steve Perry (via phone), Seth Hanson, Charles Dehoff, and Allen Gruman. Others present: Public Works Tucker Eli, Auditor Christine Olson, Deputy Auditor Naomi Trostad, Brandon Smith/Moore Engineering. Absent: Larry Olson. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Gruman to approve February 6, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Eslinger to approve February 13, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Brandon Smith presented the bids received for the Street and Drainage Improvements project. There were 2 bids received; Border States Paving, Inc. base bid is \$473,415.50 and Strata Corporation base bid is \$648,621.25. Brandon recommended only pursuing the base bid items. Brandon informed the council they have 60 days to decide. After discussion, it was decided to hold a special meeting on March 9 at 7 pm when the whole council could be present in person to make decisions.

Tucker Eli provided a public works report. The team has been busy with replacing meter tops and moving snow.

Christine Olson provided the auditors report. City hall office will be closed March 21-22 as Christine and Naomi will be attending the Spring Conference in Bismarck. The Tax Equalization meeting will need to be held in April. A tentative date of April 11 was suggested, and Christine will check with Farrah Saxberg to be sure this date is okay. Christine asked about a retirement open house for Blaine Larson; she will check with Blaine on a date and let the council know. The city has received a disbursement from the state of Municipal Infrastructure Funds (Prairie Dog Funds) in the amount of \$171,381.94. ND League of Cities has provided a list of allowable uses for these funds, which was given to council.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Hanson to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried. The list of bills was presented. Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Eslinger to approve payment of the bills presented. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Hanson to ratify the February 14, 2023 text approval to increase David Ludwig Public Supervisor salary beginning April 1, 2023 from \$22.63 per hour to \$23.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Perry informed the council that there is someone in town that is bringing a lawsuit against the city for what they feel is negligence by the city involving the sewer back up from June 2022; we have been served papers by Nilson Brand Law Office. He stressed that any council or employee does not say anything to anyone, or voice any opinion on this matter, but refer everything to the attorney. Christine has reached out to NDIRF to get an attorney assigned to handle the case and will let everyone know who that will be once notified.

Christine let the council know there have been no applications received for the public works position, and if anyone knows of someone, to please refer them to the office.

Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Gruman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

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Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
1130 Citizens State			
110691e	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	3/1/2023	\$8,305.73 BLUE CROSS
110692e	VISA	3/13/2023	\$114.00 Microsoft Office
110693e	VERIZON WIRELESS	3/26/2023	\$120.03 MIFI INTERNET
110694e	EFTPS	4/3/2023	\$7,492.38 PAYROLL TAXES
110695e	NDPERS	4/3/2023	\$2,810.72 RETIREMENT
113559	COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT	3/6/2023	\$2,718.02 AIRPORT PROPERTY TAX
113560	ARAMARK	3/6/2023	\$267.28 Towels, mops, mats
113561	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	3/6/2023	\$1,911.57 City fuel
113562	BLAINE LARSON	3/6/2023	\$35.00 CELLPHONE-GENERAL
113563	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	3/6/2023	\$6,800.00 CITY HALL DUMPSTER
113564	BRICK & LEAF BOUTIQUE	3/6/2023	\$63.58 Amb:Hannah Zaun flowers-surgery
113565	BRITE WAY WINDOW CLEANING	3/6/2023	\$143.00 City hall window cleaning
113566	CANAD INNS - GRAND FORKS	3/6/2023	\$227.10 Chip, Lacey EMS conference lodging
113567	CHRISTINE OLSON	3/6/2023	\$35.00 CELLPHONE
113568	CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOT	3/6/2023	\$14.00 WATER SAMPLES
113569	COOPERSTOWN MEDICAL CEN	3/6/2023	\$214.03 Ambulance Drug screen x 4
113570	COACHMAN INN	3/6/2023	\$150.00 Holly lodging x 3 nights
113571	COOPERSTOWN DRUG	3/6/2023	\$25.60 Ambulance meds
113572	COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	3/6/2023	\$235.34 Shop ext cord/batteries/straps/plug/connector
113573	DAVID LUDWIG	3/6/2023	\$252.46 CELLPHONE
113574	DIRT PRO	3/6/2023	\$4,500.00 Jan/Feb snow removal 45 hrs
113575	ELLEFSON SALES EXCAVATING	3/6/2023	\$1,800.00 Backhoe break up frozen sand pile 1.5 hrs
113576	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUC	3/6/2023	\$879.46 Opiod OD kit bag, medic attack bag
113577	FORUM COMMUNICATIONS	3/6/2023	\$160.38 Additional street project work bid ads
113578	GILBERTSONS	3/6/2023	\$1,160.30 Band saw blades
113579	GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	3/6/2023	\$620.11 AUDITOR
113580	H E EVERSON	3/6/2023	\$125.00 Fire dept Ford Excursion starter
113581	HAWKINS INC	3/6/2023	\$538.62 Azone
113582	HOLIDAY INN OF FARGO	3/6/2023	\$176.40 Ambulance lodging EMS Conference
113583	HOLLY NEUBERGER	3/6/2023	\$5.00 Ambulance - wash rig
113584	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	3/6/2023	\$2,393.53 2 truck batteries
113585	KAREN JOHNSON	3/6/2023	\$31.50 Meals EMS conference
113586	GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	3/6/2023	\$3,704.44 LIBRARY PROPERTY TAX
113587	MFOA OF ND	3/6/2023	\$60.00 Dues - Chris Olson/Naomi Trostad
113588	MOORE ENGINEERING INC	3/6/2023	\$23,200.00 Street & Drainage Improvements 21275B
113589	NANCY PAINTNER	3/6/2023	\$337.60 Meals/Lodging/Mileage EMS conference
113590	NAOMI TROSTAD	3/6/2023	\$35.00 Cell phone
113591	NEW CENTURY PRESS	3/6/2023	\$177.55 2/10/23 minutes
113592	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	3/6/2023	\$4,423.62 CITY HALL
113593	COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	3/6/2023	\$10,730.48 PARK BOARD PROPERTY TX
113594	PIPE DETECTIVES	3/6/2023	\$6,325.00 Roberts Ave sewer cleaning & televising
113595	POSTMASTER	3/6/2023	\$290.00 Yearly presort permit fee
113596	REITEN, INC	3/6/2023	\$949.93 Repair rear door on snow box
113597	SANFORD HEALTH - OCCUPATI	3/6/2023	\$164.00 Ambulance drug screen
113598	T&M PROPERTIES LLC	3/6/2023	\$5,400.00 6 month shop lease
113599	TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	3/6/2023	\$1,679.73 Fire dept fuel
113600	TUCKER ELI	3/6/2023	\$35.00 Cell phone
113601	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL	3/8/2023	\$972.00 Mega bugs - lift stations
113602	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	3/9/2023	\$114.73 COPIER LEASE
113603	TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	3/13/2023	\$1,129.14 City shop propane
113604	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	3/13/2023	\$682.50 City hall propane
113605	ND EMS ASSOCIATION	3/13/2023	\$1,070.00 Julie conference registration
113606	METRO-BILLING SERVICES	3/13/2023	\$432.00 Ambulance claims x 18

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113607	NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIV	3/13/2023	\$292.53 MAIN LIFT
113608	TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	3/23/2023	\$688.50 City shop propane
113609	POSTMASTER	3/27/2023	\$232.49 Utility bills - water
113610	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	3/24/2023	\$730.87 City hall propane
113611	ND EMS ASSOCIATION	3/29/2023	\$200.00 EMS conference registration-Mark Urness
113612	Baron, Ryan	3/31/2023	\$400.35
113613	Briss, Craig	3/31/2023	\$415.57
113614	Eli, Tucker	3/31/2023	\$2,659.69
113615	Flatt, Matthew	3/31/2023	\$267.81
113616	Flatt, Terrah	3/31/2023	\$36.94
113617	Keller, Julie M	3/31/2023	\$1,282.58
113618	Ludwig, David O	3/31/2023	\$4,090.86
113619	Martin, Amanda R	3/31/2023	\$672.25
113620	Monson, Dennis	3/31/2023	\$1,047.56
113621	Moser, Christopher I	3/31/2023	\$156.99
113622	Olson, Christine L	3/31/2023	\$2,969.41
113623	Paintner, Nancy	3/31/2023	\$754.50
113624	Paintner, Paul	3/31/2023	\$723.51
113625	Urness, Mark	3/31/2023	\$428.50
502890e	Monthly ACH	3/31/2023	\$12,892.57
Total Checks			\$137,181.34