

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting October 2, 2023

The Cooperstown City Council met Monday, October 2, at 7:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Deb Eslinger, Steve Perry, Larry Olson, Seth Hanson, Charles Dehoff, and Allen Gruman. Others present: Public Works David Ludwig, Auditor Christine Olson, Deputy Auditor Naomi Trostad, Brandon Smith/Moore Engineering, Joanne White, and Kathy Fitzgerald. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Olson to approve September 7, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Olson to approve September 11, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Hook, who was unavailable to attend, provided some information regarding the policing for discussion. This will be looked at closer once an agreement proposal is received.

Budget was presented for approval. The state equalization board will be meeting on October 5 to determine the taxable valuation for Griggs County. It was decided to hold a special meeting on October 9 to approve the final budget.

Ludwig gave a report for the public works department. Over the past month a culvert was replaced on 1st St on the alley to the south of Roberts Ave. The blight was removed from 605 14th St; anything that Christian CDJR did not remove, the city removed. Tim Varberg has passed his commercial applicators certification. The streets are being swept. RTS Shearing, who is going to crush our concrete, should be here mid-October. CC Steel, who will be jetting and televising sewer lines, should be here October 9 or sooner. Sand and salt have been delivered for winter use. Dave's final water test is scheduled for October 31. Dave will be gone on October 19-20. Fall clean up will take place this week, and Jayden Turner will help out after school as needed. Dave inquired if the council would allow him to carry a firearm while working as he does have a concealed carry permit. Motion by Zeke, seconded by Perry to allow Dave to carry a firearm on/in city property.

Christine provided the auditor's report. The final piece of information needed for the USDA Community Facilities Grant is a fully adopted CIP. We can order the equipment but will not be eligible for any reimbursement until we have our CIP. Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Hanson to purchase the skid steer from Cooper Implement for \$63,065.90 and pickup from Christian CDJR for \$56,228.00. Motion carried. The Highway 200 ditch work has been completed, and there are still some areas that are holding water. The past due utility bills will be certified by November 1 to the county. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Gruman to certify past due utility accounts to property taxes for Dennis Halvorson, EC Turner, Robert Metcalf, Alexa Dahlberg, Rebecca Boggs, Shelby Richardson, Craig Siek, Russell Stockland, Danielle Ethan, Benjamin R Nelson, Louis Halvorson, Clayton Williams, Lawrence Whitaker, Tom Dahl, Rushmore Loan Management, and Neal Watne if not paid prior to November 1, 2023. Craig Siek was served a notice of taking, and he has contacted us about getting his things back. The towing fees were \$3,750.00; we can also charge him for storage fees if we wish. Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to just charge him the towing fee of \$3,750.00 with the stipulation that items cannot be kept in the yard again. Motion carried. Some other properties that were discussed was Neal Watne, Don Stokkeland, and Russel Stokkeland.

Brandon Smith provided an update on the Street Improvement project. There will be a special meeting on October 16 for the city council to hear appeals from the public and act on the special assessments and update the list if there are any changes to be made. The contractor offered a deduct for the defective concrete; Moore has ranked the areas as light, medium, and heavy. The light and medium areas are cosmetic defects that will last, but not look pretty. The heavy areas are pitted or cracking that should be replaced. The light and medium areas were evaluated at 10% and 20%, respectively. The heavy areas can be multiplied by 2 times the cost of the work if it is defective and should be replaced. The contractor offered a deduct of \$10,000; Moore is suggesting a deduct of \$88,000 or have them repair the heavy areas. Moore is recommending we keep the light and medium areas and replace the heavy areas. If the contractor comes in to replace the

areas, there will be seeding and restoring pavement, and the corrective period starts over again. Brandon will be presenting the option of repairing the bad areas to the contractor and let us know what they come back with.

The financial report was presented. Perry reminded the council we need to determine a use for the Prairie Dog and ARPA funds, so we don't lose it. Motion by Olson, seconded by Dehoff to accept the financial report as presented.

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

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Eslinger to approve the sewer and septic system at 1003 Hobart Ave NE. Motion carried, with Perry voting nay. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Gruman to approve the water service at 1003 Hobart Ave NE. Motion carried.

Motion by Dehoff, seconded by Hanson to approve a local permit submitted by GCC Senior Class. Motion carried.

Motion by Perry, seconded by Olson to approve a building permit submitted by Loran Anderson. Motion carried.

A building permit submitted by Trinity Parsonage was tabled as a fence line agreement was not included.

There was discussion on recruitment and retention of employees.

Gruman suggested filling the drainage ditch north of the city park with crushed concrete. Due to the location of the culvert, this would not be a good idea.

The speed limit on Highway 200 was talked about, and the state needs to do a study before making any changes. The city has no say in any decision.

Paul has been getting calls from Bennett Michaelis complaining about the way the landfill is being kept up. Olson went and looked at things today, and felt it was fine.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

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Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
1130 Citizens State			
110736e	ND STATE TAX DEPT	10/2/2023	\$18.45 Quarterly ND payroll taxes
110739e	ZIONS BANK	10/17/2023	\$75,778.75 Series 2021B Interest
110740e	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	10/2/2023	\$5,975.79 BLUE CROSS
110742e	VERIZON WIRELESS	10/26/2023	\$120.03 MIFI INTERNET
110743e	VISA	10/16/2023	\$1,016.57 Microsoft Office
110744e	NDPERS	11/1/2023	\$2,961.49 RETIREMENT
110745e	EFTPS	11/1/2023	\$6,044.05 PAYROLL TAXES
114121	COOPERSTOWN MUN AIRPORT	10/2/2023	\$279.42 Property tax
114122	ANDELS BODY SHOP	10/2/2023	\$448.40 1998 Ford F150 window
114123	ARAMARK	10/2/2023	\$302.97 Towels, mops, mats
114124	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	10/2/2023	\$389.20 City hall propane
114125	BANYON DATA SYSTEMS, INC	10/2/2023	\$3,044.00 Vault backup support
114126	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	10/2/2023	\$6,800.00 CITY HALL DUMPSTER
114127	CHRISTINE OLSON	10/2/2023	\$257.70 CELLPHONE
114128	CHRISTIAN-CDJR	10/2/2023	\$4,680.95 Removal of vehicles @ 605 14th St NE
114129	CITY OF FARGO, NORTH DAKOT	10/2/2023	\$14.00 WATER SAMPLES
114130	COACHMAN INN	10/2/2023	\$100.00 Holly lodging x 2 nights
114131	COOPERSTOWN HARDWARE	10/2/2023	\$412.74 Landfill padlocks
114132	DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	10/2/2023	\$18.43 Cam/gasket - Vactron
114133	DAVID LUDWIG	10/2/2023	\$35.00 CELLPHONE
114134	EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUC	10/2/2023	\$1,544.98 Electrodes
114135	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #25	10/2/2023	\$1,628.85 Couplings/corps/curb boxes/lids
114136	GILBERTSONS	10/2/2023	\$959.00 3 loads gravel and hauling
114137	HAWKINS INC	10/2/2023	\$2,826.32 Clearitas/Potassium permanganate/Hydrofluosi
114138	JULIE KELLER	10/2/2023	\$170.00 Sept cleaning
114139	GRIGGS COUNTY LIBRARY	10/2/2023	\$285.15 Property tax
114140	MILLERS FRESH FOODS	10/2/2023	\$83.41 Ambulance food
114141	MOORE ENGINEERING INC	10/2/2023	\$13,208.29 2020-1 Street Improvement
114142	NAOMI TROSTAD	10/2/2023	\$270.82 Cell phone
114143	ND LEAGUE OF CITIES	10/2/2023	\$625.00 Annual Conf registration-Chris/Naomi
114144	NEW CENTURY PRESS	10/2/2023	\$5,570.83 Assessment list/hearing 8/31
114145	OTTER TAIL POWER CO	10/2/2023	\$3,758.80 CITY HALL
114146	COOPERSTOWN PARK BOARD	10/2/2023	\$2,743.22 Property tax
114147	PENGUIN MANAGEMENT, INC.	10/2/2023	\$1,206.00 Ambulance E-Dispatch
114148	RADISSON HOTEL BISMARCK	10/2/2023	\$352.80 Annual Conference lodging -Chris/Naomi
114149	TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL	10/2/2023	\$4,529.50 Super bugs/mega bugs - lagoon
114150	THE HOME SHOP	10/2/2023	\$268.22 Fire extinguisher maintenance
114151	TIM VARBERG	10/2/2023	\$35.00 Cell phone
114152	GRIGGS COUNTY TELEPHONE	10/3/2023	\$608.56 AUDITOR
114153	ND ONE CALL, INC	10/3/2023	\$44.20 Locates x 17
114154	NORTHERN SALT INC	10/5/2023	\$14,825.28 De-Icing Salt - 3 loads
114155	REITEN, INC	10/5/2023	\$109.88 International truck box repairs
114156	NAPA AUTO CARE CENTER	10/5/2023	\$46.99 Switch
114157	H E EVERSON	10/5/2023	\$33.62 Sweeper oil filter
114158	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	10/5/2023	\$1,406.61 City fuel
114159	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	10/10/2023	\$114.73 COPIER LEASE
114160	TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	10/10/2023	\$557.35 City fuel - Acct 17616
114161	NDDEQ	10/10/2023	\$50.00 Water Treatment testing
114162	METRO-BILLING SERVICES	10/13/2023	\$528.00 Claims x 22
114163	NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIV	10/16/2023	\$208.50 MAIN LIFT
114164	POSTMASTER	10/26/2023	\$242.03 Utility billing postage
114165	Dehoff, Charles	10/31/2023	\$351.09
114166	Flatt, Matthew	10/31/2023	\$177.32

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	Name	Check Date	Check Amt
114167	Flatt, Terrah	10/31/2023	\$88.66
114168	Keller, Julie M	10/31/2023	\$629.83
114169	Ludwig, David O	10/31/2023	\$4,323.96
114170	Martin, Amanda R	10/31/2023	\$539.19
114171	Michaelis, Bennett W	10/31/2023	\$644.15
114172	Moser, Christopher I	10/31/2023	\$180.08
114173	Olson, Christine L	10/31/2023	\$3,200.98
114174	Paintner, Nancy	10/31/2023	\$572.57
114175	Paintner, Paul	10/31/2023	\$449.24
114176	Urness, Mark	10/31/2023	\$676.01
114177	Varberg, Timothy G.	10/31/2023	\$3,000.85
114178	ZAUN, HANNAH, C	10/31/2023	\$427.58
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	Total Checks		\$195,143.51