

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting September 13, 2021

The Cooperstown City Council met Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Lee Watne, Larry Olson, Deb Eslinger, and Allen Gruman. Others in attendance included Public Works Blaine Larson, Chad Johnson, David Ludwig, Auditor Christine Olson, Attorney Travis Peterson, Moore Engineer Brandon Smith, Joanne White, and Connie Swenson. Absent: Steve Perry and Tim Erickson. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Gruman to approve August 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to approve August 16, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Olson, seconded to approve August 17, 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 Chad Johnson nuisance. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to dismiss the nuisance complaint against Chad Johnson property. Motion carried, with Gruman voting nay. Discussion regarding NAPA nuisance resulted in a motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to issue a letter of continuance with specific instruction as to remaining items to be abated. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on Corbin Morrison nuisance resulted in a motion by Olson, seconded by Gruman to issue a letter on continuance with specific instruction on what remains to be abated. Discussion on Preston Savre nuisance was held, with a motion by Olson, seconded by Gruman to issue a letter of continuance detailing remaining items to be abated.

Public hearing regarding the submission of a Community Development Block Grant to the State of North Dakota, Division of Community Services was held. Christine asked for any comments; none were given. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to close the public hearings. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Paintner reconvened the regular City Council meeting.

Brandon Smith with Moore Engineering provided a progress report on the Street Improvement project. Brandon gave information on additional paving around the Cooperstown Country Club. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve additional paving to be completed in front of the Country Club at a cost of \$14,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Brandon presented Contractors Application for Payment in the amount of \$238,174.65. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding Russell Stokkeland nuisance and how the council would like to proceed, with some direction from Attorney Peterson. Motion by Olson, seconded by Gruman to serve a final 48-hour abatement notice. After further discussion, motion by Gruman to amend motion to provide a final 7-day notice to abate nuisance. Motion died for lack of a second. Paintner will talk to Russell about the nuisance issues to see if they can come to an agreement to get the property cleaned up.

Blaine Larson reported on the activity of the street crew for the past month.

Christine Olson updated the council on research regarding ownership of 16th Street. County Treasurer Connie Eslinger and County Road Superintendent Wayne Oien feel from information they have that the city is the owner. Attorney Peterson has done some research and feels that 16th Street falls within city limits as well, therefore the city is responsible for maintenance and repair of this street. Paul has talked with Bituminous Paving and On Point and asked for an estimate on repairing 16th Street from Foster Ave south to Rollin Ave. After discussion a motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger was made to have Bituminous Paving and On Point pave this section of the street at a cost of \$147,540.00. Motion carried unanimously. Christine asked which fund will be used to pay for this work. Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to use Sales Tax dollars to pay for the work. Motion carried unanimously. Olson asked Blaine to get an estimate on completing 16th Street work from Rollin Ave south to Highway 200. An update on the Liquor License Ordinance was given, with Peterson suggesting a complete rewrite of this ordinance as sections of it have been repealed over time. Information on shipping containers was given to Attorney Peterson so he can create an ordinance to prohibit them in town. Christine provided the council with information on the American Rescue Plan Act funds that the city will be receiving; \$70,889.29 in 2021 and \$70,889.29 in 2022 for a total of \$141,778.58, and what they can be used for. The city has until December 31, 2024 to designate the funds and December 31, 2026 to spend the funds. Projects will need to fit the guidelines of the ND SRF loans. The sewer main repair work the city completed due to Sellin Brothers work will be covered by their insurance. NDIRF found no negligence on the city's part. Property owners should be dealing with the insurance company as well rather than the city. Christine talked with some other

cities to see what they charge for bulk water; motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to charge \$15 per 1,000 gallons for bulk water. Motion carried unanimously. She has reached out to Doug Reiersen to conduct an asbestos inspection on the city owned body shop building that is to be torn down. An insurance claim has been submitted for equipment breakdown coverage as one of the lift station generators sustained damage due to lightening.

The financial reports and list of bills were presented. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve payment of the bills presented. Roll call vote with all voting aye, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Paintner appointed Farrah Saxberg as the City Assessor. Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Gruman to ratify the appointment of Farrah Saxberg as City Assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2021-01, an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 1993-2 to Extend the Hours During Which Alcoholic Beverages may be Distributed on Sunday. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve a Special Event permit for Di's Oasis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gruman, seconded by Watne to approve a Local Permit application for a raffle from the American Legion Post 143. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Gruman, seconded by Eslinger to approve a Local Permit application for a raffle from the Cooperstown Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve a demolition permit submitted by Brad Dewald. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to approve a building permit submitted by Brad Dewald to build a garage. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve a building permit submitted by Christian CDJR to move and reinstall a pylon sign at their new location. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Eslinger, seconded by Olson to approve a building permit submitted by Tom & Kathy Gawronski for adding cement to their driveway. Motion passed unanimously.

The governing body will adopt the final budget during the regular monthly council meeting at city hall on October 4, 2021.

The next regular meeting will be October 4, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, seconded by Watne. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor

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*Check Summary Register©

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Name	Check Date	Check Amt	
1130 Citizens State			
110566e	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	9/1/2021	\$7,767.75 BLUE CROSS
110569e	VERIZON WIRELESS	9/26/2021	\$120.03 MIFI INTERNET
110572e	VISA	9/13/2021	\$1,654.75 Park board stamped envelopes
110574e	EFTPS	10/1/2021	\$5,731.16 PAYROLL TAXES
110575e	EFTPS	10/1/2021	\$141.84 PAYROLL TAXES
110577e	NDPERS	10/5/2021	\$2,711.75 RETIREMENT
110581e	ZIONS BANK	10/27/2021	\$58,420.98 Refunding Improvement Bond 2021B-Interest
111914	AMERICAN LEGION POST 143	3/15/2021	(\$800.00) 30-3X5, 1-4X6, 1-3X5ND
111916	J&H FLOOR CLEANERS	3/22/2021	(\$1,025.00) CLEAN & WAX FLOORS
112271	ARAMARK	8/26/2021	\$183.24 Towels, mops, mats
112283	H E EVERSON	9/7/2021	\$532.36 Fire dept 4 cycle fuel
112284	BRAGER DISPOSAL SERVICE	9/10/2021	\$6,800.00 CITY HALL DUMPSTER
112286	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES	9/13/2021	\$112.00 COPIER LEASE
112287	NODAK ELECTRIC COOPERATIV	9/13/2021	\$192.17 MAIN LIFT
112335	BITUMINOUS PAVING INC	9/14/2021	\$238,174.65 CAP 3 Project 2020-1 & 2021-1
112337	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #25	9/15/2021	\$302.65 Couplers
112338	METRO-BILLING SERVICES	9/15/2021	\$621.00 27 claims
112339	TOWN & COUNTRY CO-OP	9/20/2021	\$5,070.00 Contract propane-city shop
112340	POSTMASTER	9/22/2021	\$197.37 WATER
112341	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	9/23/2021	\$750.00 Contract propane - City hall
112342	Briss, Craig	9/30/2021	\$184.70
112343	Eli, Valerie Ann	9/30/2021	\$184.70
112344	Johnson, Chad A.	9/30/2021	\$2,396.28
112345	Keller, Julie M	9/30/2021	\$1,055.25
112346	Ludwig, David O	9/30/2021	\$2,383.45
112347	Martin, Amanda R	9/30/2021	\$373.85
112348	Michaelis, Bennett W	9/30/2021	\$820.99
112349	Moser, Christopher I	9/30/2021	\$247.49
112350	Olson, Christine L	9/30/2021	\$3,010.43
112351	Paintner, Nancy	9/30/2021	\$591.76
112352	Paintner, Paul	9/30/2021	\$381.81
112353	Eli, Valerie Ann	9/30/2021	\$69.26
112354	Paintner, Paul	9/30/2021	\$91.84
112399	ZIONS BANK	10/4/2021	(\$58,420.98) Refunding Improvement Bond 2021A-Interest
502605e	Monthly ACH	9/30/2021	\$10,672.90
502611e	Monthly ACH	9/30/2021	\$339.38
Total Checks			\$292,041.81