

COOPERSTOWN CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting May 30, 2023

The Cooperstown City Council met Thursday, May 30, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the city council room. Present: Paul Paintner, Deb Eslinger, Charles Dehoff, Steve Perry, Allen Gruman, and Larry Olson. Others present: Auditor Christine Olson, and Public Works David Ludwig. Absent: Seth Hanson.

Mayor Paintner called the meeting to order.

There was discussion regarding the Sue Nelson property at 204 12th St SE, and her claim that the city is responsible for sewer gas smell in her home. The city has had ND Rural Water Systems Association come in the past to do smoke testing in May 2022 and camera the sewer line in May 2022 and November 2022 and have found nothing to be wrong. The city also hired CC Steel to camera the line and found nothing to be wrong. Christine did some research and has found the city has no easements on this section of sewer line. A conversation with Andrew Aakre of Moore Engineering, Paul, David, and Christine revealed that this is a 4-inch line, therefore would not be a city main, but a private service line. David has contacted NDRWA and they are willing to come out once again to camera and smoke test the line. A suggestion was made that Sue and her family be present when this takes place so they can see and hear what they have to say.

There was discussion regarding the Golden Age Club's interest in the vacant lots next to their location. No decisions were made as there has been nothing written provided but will see what they have to say at the June 5 meeting.

Christine asked the council if they had any suggestions for members of the Special Assessment Commission that need to be appointed at the June 5 meeting. Gruman has provided his suggestions. The council instructed Christine to select names from those submitted by Gruman.

Christine has received communication from the NDDOT regarding the permit applied for to do ditch work on the north side of Highway 200, wanting to know if we are moving forward with the work or not. If not, she will delete the application. Motion by Perry, seconded by Gruman to move forward with the work. Motion carried. Ludwig asked about doing work on the south side of Highway 200 as well. Council asked Christine to see what needs to be done to include work on the south side. Ludwig will call some contractors to see what the cost will be and if they are interested in doing the work.

Motion by Olson, seconded by Eslinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Christine Olson, Auditor

Paul Paintner, Mayor