

Council meeting September 8, 2022

5:35 PM meeting called to order by Mayor Wardyn.

Roll call was taken with councilmembers Arnie Kesselring, Jack Stone, Heather Bielenberg, and Nathan McAlister present. Missing was Brandon Patrick. Gina Arnold, LeeRoy Wagner, Michael McAlister, and Brayton Bonney also present. Guests were Brian Hoffman, Bob Veenstra, and Clint Fichter.

August minutes were read and there needs to be a correction in that the samplers at the have not been installed yet, and that Panora Fiber is only ran on one side of Main Street. Bielenberg made a motion to approve the minutes pending the corrections, Stone 2 nd . All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Claims were reviewed and discussed. Discussion was had on how to move forward with the invoices from Veenstra and Kimm, and Clint Fichter regarding the sewer project. There will be separate fund accounts set up for tracking the revenue and expenses. McAlister made a motion to approve the claims, Kesselring 2 nd . All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Bob Veenstra gave an update on the progress of the sewer project. He explained the benefits of shifting the location a little to the West. The next step will be to acquire the property, following the State and Federal Chapter 6B code of Iowa. There will be a public hearing since it is agriculture related. At the October meeting we will need to pass a resolution to set a public hearing in December. There will have to be an appraisal of the land to offer fair market value, which the cost of that will be covered by the USDA loan. In October there will be a proposal for the acquisition for the land, and start the 6B process to hire an appraiser. There are two properties that are involved in the process.

Library report- none

Ambulance report- none

Fire Department- Brayton Bonney here to update the council on the Fire Department. They were able to get one truck ordered. GMC cancelled the order for the 2 nd truck. They will file extensions for the grants

as needed to acquire the 2 nd truck. Different ideas and the rules for the different grants were discussed.

LeeRoy Wagner asked that a new hydrant wrench be ordered.

Street report- LeeRoy Wagner discussed the need to get Main Street looked at by the post office.

Harman has been contacted and is suppose to come next week to see what the problem is. LeeRoy

reported on the private properties that he has had to mow, the water shut-off's that have been located and the meter readings.

Clint Fichter was here to discuss the sewer project and the finances. We will need to get separate funds set up for the project, and move forward with the financial process after the resolutions and public hearings have been done in October.

6:33PM Open the public forum

Brian Hoffman here to discuss the sewer project and voice his concerns about what this will cost the residents of Bayard, and where all the financing will be coming from. The funding along with the terms, interest rates, and yearly payments were discussed.

7:07PM The public forum was closed

The resolution to enter into an agreement with Iowa Savings Bank for an interim loan was read and discussed. There was a motion by Kesselring to approve the resolution, 2 nd by McAlister. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Nuisances were discussed and some suggestions were made on how to proceed. Several of the properties around town need to be cleaned up.

There were concerns voiced about how fast the switch engines move across the railroad crossings without blowing their horn.

Financials were reviewed and discussed. McAlister made a motion to approve the financials, Kesselring 2 nd . All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer report- Michael McAlister reported that there are no flow meters on the wells to see if they are working correctly. Discussed the concerns at the Sewer plant. We discussed forwarding all e-mails from Veenstra and Kimm to Ryan to keep him up to date on the Sewer project. Gina will see that this gets done.

Clerks report- Gina reported that the 2 nd Covid relief payment has been received.

Mayor's report-none

Motion to adjourn was made

Next meeting set for October 14, 2022 @5:30PM