

Council meeting November 10, 2022

5:32 Meeting called to order by Mayor Tom Wardyn.

Roll call was taken with councilmembers Brandon Patrick, Arnie Kesselring, Heather Bielenberg, Nathan McAlister present. Missing was council member Jack Stone. Also, present LeeRoy Wagner, Brayton Bonney, Michael McAlister, Gina Arnold, and Clint Fichter.

Minutes from the October council meeting were read and discussed. A correction to the minutes that it was Brayton Bonney here and not Shaylon Bonney. McAlister made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Kesselring made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Discussion was had about the best way to offer on line payments for the water bills. Gina will contact the bank and G-works to see what will work the best, and report on this at the Dec. meeting.

Water/Sewer report. Michael reports that there have been a lot of alarms at the water plant due to the issues with well #1. Northway and Alliant Energy were out to try to determine what the problem is and found that the casing is in good shape for the well being 110 years old. It is intact, but has a lot of deposits built up on it. They suggested to start seriously thinking about a new well. Well #2, which is documented as being a back up well is not able to be used. Well #3 was pulled and there was a hole in one of the pipes that was repaired, and a new motor was installed. The Samplers at the sewer plant have been installed and are working very well. There continues to be ongoing issues at the sewer plant.

Clint Fichter discussed getting a facility plan of action, and a needs assessment together to file with the DNR to see about possible funding for upgrading the water plant. This needs to be a list of what is needed now, and in the future to put a project together. Michael will start working on this. Clint will reach out to get bids for a new water project.

Clint reports that he has had discussions with the land owners associated with the wastewater lagoon project. Potthoff will be doing the land appraisals, if approved, and they should be done by January 1, 2023. We should have a purchase agreement in place by April. There will be multiple things going on between January 1 and April, with construction starting in May 2023 if everything goes smoothly. There was discussion on hiring Potthoff Appraisal. Patrick made a motion to hire Potthoff, McAlister made the 2<sup>nd</sup> all in favor, no nays, motion carried. Clint will contact him to get it set up.

Clint gave the council copies of the 2022 Financial report and the City Street Finance Report, they are Due December 1, 2022. Clint reports the city's finances are in much better shape than in the past.

Discussion was had about creating a table outlining the increases to the water and sewer rates in order to make a new ordinance.

Library report-none

Ambulance report-none

Fire Department report-none

Streets report- LeeRoy reported that the restrooms in the parks have been closed, and continues to get things ready for winter. Harman was here to look at the issues with the streets by the Post office, and

around the Fire station. The drain by the Post Office was collapsed, so it was replaced along with some of the pipes. All the areas that were in question were opened up and repaired. New curbs were put in.

LeeRoy discussed the need for a new mower for next year, possibly a commercial one.

The claims were reviewed and discussed. McAlister made a motion to approve the claims, Patrick made the 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

The financials were reviewed and discussed. McAlister asked what fund the 1<sup>st</sup> covid relief payment was put in. Gina will get that information for the December meeting. McAlister made a motion to approve the financials, Kesselring made the 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Clerks report- Gina asked to purchase a new printer/copier for the office. The current one isn't working properly and continues to jam. It was approved to go ahead and purchase one. There was discussion among the council members about issues with the bank deposits, and it was decided that Tom will take the deposits to the bank and get a receipt instead of using the night deposit box. McAlister made a motion to adjourn, Patrick made the 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, no nays, motion carried.

Next meeting will be December 8, 2022 @ 5:30pm.

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