

City of Taylor, North Dakota  
November 6, 2012, 7:30 pm at City Hall

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Myran.

Council Members present: Ray Fettig, Aaron Gjermundson, Daryl Jurgens, Ron Luff

The minutes of the October 2, 2012 regular City Council meeting were approved as read.

Visitors: Glenn Gullickson, Ryan Rudolph – Valtex, Dennis & Vernell Sievers

Glenn Gullickson asked whether he had to stay within the pavement edges when removing snow from City streets, or if he is allowed to push snow beyond the pavement. The Council informed him that he may push snow past the edge of the pavement, taking care to minimize damage to lawns as much as possible.

Ryan Rudolph informed the Council that MDU intends to provide electricity to the Prairie East subdivision using easements other than those along the previously vacated Vannier Avenue.

A proposal from States Ave. Vet pertaining to animal control was unavailable.

Mayor Myran has contacted the VFW District Commander regarding the status of the War Memorial/City Hall building. There was some discussion by the Council about the possible need and potential cost for a new building. No action taken.

The Council reviewed the proposed contract for the Sievers to provide water/wastewater operator and maintenance services to the City for a flat monthly fee. Services provided using the Sievers equipment at a rate of \$65 per hour and extraordinary projects would be billed separately. Discussion followed.

**Motion to contract with Dennis & Vernell Sievers to provide services to the City at \$2,000 per month, effective November 1, 2012:** Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Ray Fettig, motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Rudolph presented three Building Permit applications for the Prairie East subdivision – Lot 3 (211 Ray Jay Circle), Lot 15 (214 Ray Jay Circle) and Lot 17 (106 Chestnut Avenue).

**Motion to approve three Building Permits for the Prairie East subdivision - Lots 3, 15, and 17:** Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson, motion carried unanimously.

A request was received from Lorna O'Connor to increase her annual fee for services from \$400 to \$700 plus mileage. Lorna indicated that she has not received an increase since she first began serving as City Assessor in 1996.

**Motion to increase Lorna O'Connor's annual fee for services as the City's Assessor to \$700 plus mileage:** Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Ray Fettig, motion carried unanimously.

Pat Wilson requested that the Council approve the purchase of a City cell phone, as a number of people have asked why the City has no active phone number. By purchasing a TracFone with prepaid service/minutes, the cost will be less than \$10 per month versus \$50-\$60 per month for a landline installed in City Hall.

**Motion to approve the purchase of a TracFone cell phone and prepaid service/minutes for City business:** Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson, motion carried unanimously.

*The new City phone number is 701-264-0920.*

Pat Wilson recommended that the City Council consider changing City Pet Licenses from annual to 'lifetime' licenses, and provided information about a similar change initiated by the City of Dickinson in 2007. The Council is agreeable to consider this change; no action taken. Tabled until December 4<sup>th</sup> when a proposed fee schedule, etc. will be available for review.

The Council reviewed the monthly financial report. No questions; accepted as presented. There was discussion regarding the increasing need for the installation of an additional clear well to maintain adequate water capacity/pressure to residents, due to the City's increasing population.

According to the regular schedule, the January 2013 City Council meeting would be on New Year's Day. Pat Wilson suggested that the Council reschedule the January meeting to a different day.

**Motion to reschedule the January 2013 regular City Council meeting to Tuesday, January 8 2013 at 7:30pm:**

Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Ray Fettig, motion carried unanimously.

Bills submitted for payment

General Exp: Cenex Richardton \$80; Vernell Sievers \$50; Pat Wilson \$360; Pat Wilson – reimb \$203.47; MDU \$296.09

Water Dept: Southwest Water \$1,493.96; Vernell Sievers \$450; Pat Wilson \$80; MDU \$155.38

Sewer Dept: Vernell Sievers \$255; Pat Wilson \$80; MDU \$173

Garbage Dept: Charles Elkin \$170; MGM Sanitation \$1,897.51; Vernell Sievers \$225; Pat Wilson \$80

Street Dept: Vernell Sievers \$130

Building & Dev: Dakota Comm Insurance (NDRF) \$197

**Motion to pay the bills:** Moved by Aaron Gjermundson, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried unanimously.

The next regular City Council meeting is at 7:30pm on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Renewal of the Liquor and Beer licenses for the Sit-N-Bull Bar will be on the agenda.

Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Ray Fettig and carried to adjourn.

/s/ Russ Myran, Mayor

/s/ Patricia Wilson, Auditor