

City of Taylor, North Dakota
June 5, 2012, 7:30 pm at City Hall

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Wolf.

Council Members present: Daryl Jurgens, Russ Myran, Dennis Sievers. Absent: Danny Ehret

The minutes of the May 1, 2012 regular City Council meeting were approved as read.

Visitors: Barb Bloom, Margie Blunt, Kelly Elkin, Aaron Gjermundson, Glenn Gullickson, Carolyn Jurgens, Steve Langley, Ron Luff, Larry Myran, Vernell Sievers, Sherwin Wanner, Pat Wilson, Kevin Zillich.

Larry Myran recently demolished a house in town and asked about bringing the debris to the city dump. He was told that asphalt shingles must be separated and disposed of at the Dickinson landfill, and the remaining debris may be taken to the Taylor dump.

Glenn Gullickson requested that Vannier Avenue be vacated between Blocks 9 & 10 and 23 & 24. Glenn also requested that the alleyways in Blocks 9, 10, 23 & 24 be vacated. Tabled, pending the final replat of Blocks 39 & 40 from Valtex, LLC.

Aaron Gjermundson inquired if the east, west, and south property lines of his property in Block 29 could be marked by the City. He was informed that the property lines could be estimated by measuring from the pegs, but a survey would be needed to officially indicate the legal property boundaries.

Kevin Zillich asked why garbage fees are charged to the Opera House when there is no garbage pick-up with no container on-site. The Council explained that any trash placed in other containers is still charged as tonnage to the City, so the garbage fee is appropriate. The Auditor was instructed to contact MGM to deliver a container to the Opera House.

Glenn Gullickson asked who is paying the water bill at the Lions picnic shelter. The Council explained that the City is paying for the water for the public restrooms at the shelter.

Item# 4 – Bills submitted for payment

Garbage Dept: MGM \$1,677.07, Vernell Sievers \$400.00, Eileen Gjermundson \$64.06
Water Dept: Southwest Water \$1,521.00, Vernell Sievers \$625.00, Eileen Gjermundson \$64.07
Sewer Dept: Vernell Sievers \$275.00, Eileen Gjermundson \$64.07
Street Dept: Vernell Sievers \$325.00
General Exp: Pat Wilson \$600.00, Eileen Gjermundson \$479.55, ND League of Cities \$15.00, Cenex C-Store \$103.21, State Auditor \$200.00

Motion to pay the bills: Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Russ Myran, motion carried.

Item# 5a – Dennis presented the updated Building Permit Application and Fee Schedule in Danny's absence. There was discussion regarding the permit fee schedule, how inspection fees would be collected/paid, and fines/additional fees to be imposed should a project fail an inspection.

Motion to accept only the building permit application form:

Moved by Russ Myran, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried. The Building Permit Fee Schedule was tabled for further discussion at the Council meeting on July 3, 2012.

Item# 5b – Property cleanup: Nothing to report

Item# 5c – Clean-Up Day: Dennis informed the Council that Taylor Community Activities (TCA) would not be coordinating the event this year. Daryl will contact the Taylor Lions Club to see if they would be willing to coordinate the 2012 Clean-Up Day.

Item# 5d – City Web Site: Pat Wilson reported that an option for a City website is available that will only cost about \$20 per year to register the CityofTaylorND.net domain name. She has already developed a test website, which was made available to Council members for review. With the Council’s approval, the website could be available for citizens’ use in early July. Ron Luff inquired about the amount of time that would be needed to maintain the website. Pat responded that, with the software’s ease of use, website maintenance would be minimal.

Motion to approve the website project, including the annual domain name registration:

Moved by Dennis Sievers, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried.

Item# 6a – Liquor License: Application was made by the Sit-n-Bull bar for the renewal of its 6-month Liquor License.

Motion to approve the Liquor License for Sit-n-Bull bar from 7/1/12 thru 12/31/12:

Moved by Russ Myran. The motion died for lack of a second. Tabled, pending review at the City Council Organizational Meeting to be held on June 26, 2012, 7:30 pm at City Hall.

Item# 6b – Fidelity Bond for the City of Taylor: The Fidelity Bond issued by the State protects the City against theft of money or property by City employees. Pat will inform the Insurance Dept that effective July 1st she is the new Auditor/contact and will recertify the previous application covering the City through the end of 2012.

Item# 6c – On behalf of Kelly Elkin, Steve Langley presented the Council with a request to proceed with a preliminary plat for four housing sites on property which will be called the Elkin Subdivision, located just north of the Westside Apartments (Legal Description W½ NW¼ 100' x 185' 33-140-93 and W½ NW¼ 295' x 210' 33-140-93). The site is within the City limits but has not been platted previously, and is not currently in the City’s Water & Sewer District.

Motion to approve the replat of W½ NW¼ 100' x 185' 33-140-93 and W½ NW¼ 295' x 210' 33-140-93, to be known as the Elkin Subdivision:

Moved by Dennis Sievers, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried.

Item# 6d – Dennis suggested that the City consider imposing a minimum of \$2,500 in Water & Wastewater Impact Fees for new construction sites that are not currently in the City’s Water & Sewer District. The funds collected will help offset the cost of improvements that both systems will need as the population increases. Tabled until July 3, 2012; to be discussed in conjunction with Building Permit Fees.

Item# 6e – Dennis presented Council members with a proposal from Focus Wastewater Solutions for aeration equipment for the lagoon cells. Tabled until July 3, 2012.

Not on Agenda – Building Permit request: Application was made by Cindy Dohrmann for a pole-style metal building to be built in the northwest corner of Lots 1 & 2, Block 3. The building will be 30’ x 50’ (1,500 sq. ft.) with a gravel floor and concrete pad.

Motion to approve the Building Permit Application for a 30’ x 50’ pole-style metal building on Lots 1 & 2, Block 3:

Moved by Dennis Sievers, seconded by Russ Myran, motion carried.

The report from the recent inspection made by the ND Dept. of Health was received and reviewed. There is a recommendation for the City to vacate the inoperable well. Information on what needs to be done to vacate the well was included with the report.

The Council was reminded that the City Organizational Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 7:30 pm at City Hall. The new Mayor and Council Members will be sworn in at that meeting.

Moved by Dennis Sievers, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, and carried to Adjourn.

(signed) Russell Myran, Mayor

(signed) Patricia A. Wilson, Auditor