

City of Taylor, North Dakota  
September 4, 2012, 7:30 pm at City Hall

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

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

The minutes of the August 7, 2012 regular City Council meeting were approved as read.

Visitors: Danny & Deb Ehret, Gayle Elkin, Ryan Rudolph, Tabi Schneider, Dennis & Vernell Sievers

Deb Ehret voiced her disapproval of the way the City is handling stray dogs and cats.

*Item# 4* – Bills submitted for payment

General Exp: IRS \$59.63; IRS \$917.84, NDLC \$45; Vernell Sievers \$425; Pat Wilson \$360; Pat Wilson (reimb) \$279.05; MDU \$275.88

Water Dept: Southwest Water \$2,105.74; Vernell Sievers \$350; Pat Wilson \$80; MDU \$145.04; Meter Dep Refund \$34.50

Sewer Dept: Vernell Sievers \$225; Pat Wilson \$80; MDU \$34.59

Garbage Dept: MGM Sanitation \$1,857.76; Vernell Sievers \$375; Pat Wilson \$80

Street Dept: Vernell Sievers \$100

Building & Dev: *Lagoon Aeration Project* – Associated Supply \$ 182.85; Focus Wastewater Solutions \$9,931.04; Dennis Sievers (reimb) \$1,516.08; Vernell Sievers \$425

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

*Item 5a* – Daryl and Aaron gave a report on their meeting with Valtex regarding the installation of water/sewer infrastructure to the Prairie East subdivision. Ryan Rudolph shared a progress update of the project with the Council. Some issues related to water/sewer and other utilities require additional research before any action can be taken by the Council.

*Item 5b* – A proposal from Sackman Electric for the electrical work needed on the Lagoon Aeration project was reviewed and discussed.

**Motion to approve the Sackman Electric proposal for electrical work on the Lagoon Aeration project:**

Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried unanimously.

*Item 5c* – The Council considered an option of offering Vernell Sievers a flat monthly fee for contracted services with the City. No action taken pending further research. Tabled until October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Item 5d* – Pat Wilson prepared amended IRS 941 reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2012 and recommended that the Council approve the FICA gross-up of the City services discount offered to City employees, as well as the FICA gross-up for wages paid to the Mayor and Council members, with the action retroactive to January 1, 2012. The Auditor will issue a letter of explanation to those individuals affected by this change.

**Motion to approve the FICA gross-up as detailed above retroactive to 1/1/12:**

Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson, motion carried unanimously.

Item 5e – The contract with Dakota West Inspections was signed by Mayor Russ Myran.

Item 5f – Ray Fettig submitted a letter of interest to fill the vacancy on City Council. Discussion followed.

**Motion to offer Ray Fettig the open seat on City Council for the remainder of the term ending June 2014:**

Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson, motion carried unanimously.

*Upon acceptance, Ray Fettig will take the Oath of Office at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> regular Council meeting and will become the Street Commissioner, secondary Police Commissioner.*

Item 5g – Following discussion the Council decided to plug the inoperable well, which can be done by the City contractors.

Item 5h – The vacation of Vannier Avenue has not been finalized. There is a question regarding easements for MDU to bring electrical service to the Prairie East subdivision. Tabled until October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Item 5i – Pat Wilson has requested that Ordinance revisions be put off as work for winter Council meetings when building and development issues will be less demanding.

Item 6a – Stray dogs continue to be a problem for the City, as it seems that some are being dropped off in town by out-of-area individuals that are unable to keep/care for them. A proposal from States Avenue Vet was unavailable for this meeting. After discussion, it appears that there is no viable solution at this time. There is also a problem with stray/injured/diseased cats in town. Some options were discussed including the licensing of cats. No action taken; tabled until October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Item 6b – Pat Wilson reported the need to re-address certain properties in the City, after discussion with the Stark County 911 Dept. The Auditor will send a letter to the property owners affected and will assist with the changes that need to be made.

Item 6c – The preliminary 2013 Budget for the City was reviewed and discussed.

**Motion to approve the 2013 Preliminary Budget as presented:**

Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Ron Luff, motion carried unanimously.

*The 2013 Preliminary Budget is available on the City's website [CityOfTaylorND.net](http://CityOfTaylorND.net) Residents may also contact Pat Wilson at 974-4148 (leave a message) to make arrangements to review the budget. Final approval of the 2013 Budget will be at the regular City Council meeting to be held at 7:30 pm on Tues. October 2<sup>nd</sup> at City Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> St. & Ertel Ave.*

Item 6d – Pat Wilson suggested that a “Community Bulletin Board” be set up as a page on the website for local happenings, classifieds and the like. More information will be provided with the City services billing as this resource is developed.

Item 6e – Russ Myran presented the Council with a Building Permit application to construct an 8’ x 12’ rear entry/porch on the residence at 102 Ertel Ave.

**Motion to approve the construction of a rear entry/porch at 102 Ertel Ave:**

Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried unanimously.

Aaron Gjermundson reported on the Richardton-Taylor Ambulance Service meeting that he attended. There is a great need for community volunteers to serve as EMTs. In addition the Service is requesting a donation from the City of Taylor, as its financial needs are greater since splitting from the Richardton Rural Fire Dept. The Auditor will check to see if City funds can be donated to an organization that serves the City's residents.

Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson and carried to adjourn.

/s/ Russ Myran, Mayor

/s/ Patricia Wilson, Auditor