

City of Taylor, North Dakota  
March 5, 2013 at 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 February 5, 2013 regular City Council meeting were approved as read.

Visitors: Gayle Elkin, Glenn Gullickson, Coree Hofland, Craig Jurgens, Rory Rebel, Ryan Rebel, Ryan Rudolph, Dennis & Vernell Sievers.

Craig Jurgens inquired whether the hay land south of the tracks would be offered for bid. Dennis Sievers stated that the land is infested with leafy spurge and Canadian thistle. The acreage was sprayed last fall and will be sprayed again this spring. The Council decided to offer the hay land for bid; an ad will be placed offering the acreage and will include the name of the chemical to be used to spray this spring. Bids will be opened at the April Council meeting.

Ryan Rudolph asked that the City contact MGM Sanitation to ensure that the Prairie East homes are included in the route for trash collection.

Coree Hofland inquired if the City is requesting additional patrol from the Stark County Sheriff because of recent criminal activity occurring in town. There was discussion about starting up a Neighborhood Watch.

***Residents are reminded to lock vehicles and secure buildings & property; report suspicious activity to the Stark County Sheriff.***

Rory & Ryan Rebel informed the Council of the intention to construct a commercial building east of the Taylor Nursery for use as an engine machine shop. A building permit is expected to be submitted at the April meeting.

Ron Luff informed the Council that the Taylor Rural Fire Dept (TRFD) is not interested in renting space at the old fire hall for City storage. However, TRFD may be interested in a joint project with the City to construct a new City Hall/multi-purpose space on that site between Main St and the Fire House. TRFD has formed a committee to research this possibility. Ron Luff, Daryl Jurgens, and Aaron Gjermundson will represent the City in further discussions with TRFD.

The topic of garbage pick-up at the Opera House was brought to the Council to request the City consider absorbing that cost, as the Fire Dept. maintains the building for the benefit of all City residents.

**Motion for the City of Taylor to absorb the cost of garbage collection at the Taylor Opera House:**

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

The two sealed bids for Lot 7, Block 35 were opened. Robert & Theresa Metz offered one-thousand dollars (\$1,000); Dennis & Vernell Sievers offered two-thousand dollars (\$2,000).

**Motion to accept the \$2,000 bid from Dennis & Vernell Sievers for Lot 7, Block 35:**

Moved by Daryl Jurgens, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson, motion carried unanimously. The Auditor was instructed to draw up a Quit Claim deed to transfer the property.

The February 2013 financial report was accepted as presented.

Bills submitted for payment

General Exp: Dakota Community Insurance \$1,518; Vernell Sievers \$475; Pat Wilson \$360; MDU \$395.31

Water Dept: Southwest Water \$1,305.50; Vernell Sievers \$750; Pat Wilson \$80; Robert Blowers \$56.25; Jake Stauffer \$22; MDU \$194.71

Sewer Dept: Pump Systems \$47.89; Vernell Sievers \$300; Pat Wilson \$80; MDU \$192.95

Garbage Dept: MGM Sanitation \$2,135.12; Vernell Sievers \$350; Pat Wilson \$80

Street Dept: Vernell Sievers \$125; Glenn Gullickson \$440

Building & Dev: Jurgens Trucking \$425 (to be reimbursed by Valtex LLC)

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

The Council reviewed the proposed annual contracts with the ND Dept of Health. NDDH will perform testing and analysis required to keep the City's water system in compliance with current regulations.

**Motion to renew the annual contracts for Laboratory Services with the ND Dept. of Health:**

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

The next regular City Council meeting is at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at City Hall. Bids for the hay land will be opened.

The annual Tax Equalization meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson and carried to adjourn.

/s/ Russ Myran, Mayor

/s/ Patricia Wilson, Auditor