

City of Taylor, North Dakota
July 2, 2013 at 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 Absent: Ray Fettig

The minutes of the June 4, 2013 regular City Council meeting and the June 18, 2013 special City Council meeting were approved as read.

Visitors: Danny Ehret, Gayle Elkin, Mark & Mary Grove – MGM Sanitation, Jerome Reynhaert & Ryan Rudolph - Valtex, Herb Urlacher.

Mark & Mary Grove attended the meeting to explain to the Council about the changes in the way MGM Sanitation will bill the City for trash pickup; the contract between MGM & the City comes up for renewal in June 2014. Discussion followed. A cost analysis will be done by the City to ensure that the current garbage fees billed to customers are sufficient.

The auditor informed the Council that the recent grant application submitted to the ND Energy Impact office for the additional Clear Well project was denied. Discussion followed about the need for an engineering analysis of the water/sewer system capacity in light of the increasing population.

The project to replace piping at the water pump house will occur in the fall, due to the high water usage during the summer.

An ad will be placed in the Richardton Merchant and on the City's website requesting bids for snow plowing. The Council approved the auditor's request to change the term of the snow plowing contract to Sept. 1st to Aug. 31st.

Ron Luff reported on his discussions with Dave Ridl, as well as other attorneys and judges, regarding the City's ordinance enforcement issues. Work continues on updating the City's ordinance book.

Ryan Rudolph of Valtex requested preliminary approval of four building permits in the Prairie East subdivision: Lot 2 – 207 Ray Jay Circle; Lot 5 – 219 Ray Jay Circle; Lot 10 – 314 Ray Jay Circle; and Lot 18 – 100 Chestnut Avenue.

Motion to approve preliminary Building Permits for Lots 2, 5, 10, & 18 in the Prairie East subdivision:

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

There was further discussion between the Council and Valtex about water & sewer capacity, for the Prairie East subdivision as well as the proposed developments on the north side of town.

The annual renewal of the Building & Property insurance policy issued by the ND Dept. of Insurance – State Fire & Tornado Fund was reviewed and discussed. The Council directed the auditor to increase the Lift Station equipment coverage to \$85,000 due to the recent installation of the Lagoon Aeration system.

The June 2013 financial report was accepted as presented.

Bills submitted for payment –

General Exp: Pat Wilson \$540; Aaron Gjermundson \$270; Daryl Jurgens \$270; Ray Fettig \$270; Ron Luff \$270; Russ Myran \$390; IRS \$673.68; Russ Myran – reimb \$131.83; Vernell Sievers – reimb \$265.97; Cenex \$157; John’s Sinclair \$170.80; Mac’s Hardware \$73.69; Richardton Merchant \$334.75; Stark County Sheriff \$600; ND Insurance Dept. \$175.67; Lenny’s Repair \$20; MDU \$300.03

Water Dept: Southwest Water \$1,736; Pat Wilson \$175; Southwestern District Health \$54; MDU \$163.15; Danny Ehret \$75; Michael Feliz \$38.50

Sewer Dept: Pat Wilson \$150; Vernell Sievers – reimb \$28.90; ND Department of Health \$51.79; Pump Systems \$1,006.25; Sackman Electric \$138.60; MDU \$182

Garbage Dept: MGM Sanitation \$2,214.22; Pat Wilson \$125

Insect Control: Russ Myran – reimb \$78

Motion to pay the bills: Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried unanimously.

Herb Urlacher requested clarification about the increased billing for City services to the West Side Apartments. The Council explained that all services are now billed per living unit. Herb asked if the bill would be reduced if a unit was vacant, and was told to advise the auditor if that situation occurs and the bill would be prorated.

Gayle Elkin asked that the City ensure that the Park at Elm & Main is mowed prior to Horse Fest, and requested that the City spray for mosquitoes both at the Park and on Heritage Hill in advance of the event.

The next regular City Council meeting is at 7:30pm on Tuesday, August 6th at City Hall.

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

Russ Myran, Mayor

Patricia Wilson, Auditor