

City of Taylor, North Dakota
August 6, 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 July 2, 2013 regular City Council meeting were approved as read.

Visitors: Charlie Elkin, Gayle Elkin, Ryan Elkin, Virginia Fettig, Glenn Gullickson, Coree Hofland, Craig Kubas – KLJ, Ross Myran, Ryan Rudolph – Valtex.

Ron Luff added an item to the agenda regarding the culverts along Chestnut north of 2nd Street.

The only bid received for snow removal was opened and reviewed. The bid from Glenn Gullickson was \$100/hr for tractor w/ 12' blade; \$90/hr for tractor w/ 9' blade; \$90/hr for loader; \$50/hr for skid steer.

Motion to accept the snow removal bid from Glenn Gullickson for the period 9/1/13 to 8/31/14:

Moved by Aaron Gjermundson, seconded by Ray Fettig, motion carried unanimously.

Craig Kubas of KLJ presented the Council with a memo about water storage considerations for the City. Discussion followed with regard to the anticipated clear well project to increase water storage capacity, availability of grants, and whether the lagoon cells are of sufficient capacity for the increasing population.

Ron Luff informed the Council that the City does have the right to impose penalties for non-compliance of ordinances and bring cases to civil court, if need be. He asked the Council members to review the current ordinances for the City and bring their recommendations to the next Council meeting as to which ordinances should have penalties assigned for non-compliance.

Installation of the culvert near Elm and E. Main has been completed.

The replat of certain lots within the Prairie East subdivision has been submitted to Stark County.

The auditor was contacted by the ND State Fire & Tornado Fund and informed that the lagoon aeration system cannot be covered under that policy as most of the equipment is not enclosed within the Lift Station building; only the electrical panel controlling the system may be covered. The City will request a quote from Dakota Community Insurance to cover the remainder of the system.

The City has received complaints/concerns about the tenants leasing the Elkin's shop building for truck maintenance. Following discussion, the Council asked that the owners of the building again address the concerns with their tenants with the hope of an amicable resolution.

The auditor presented an analysis of garbage rates charged to City customers compared to the detailed July billing statement from MGM Sanitation. Based upon the analysis, the garbage rates charged to all City customers are insufficient to cover the expenses for service. City garbage rates will increase effective 9/1/2013 (bill due in October) according to the following schedule:

Residential	\$18 per month for each 96-gal container	Taylor Nursery	\$115 per month
Commercial	\$50 per month for each 300-gal container	Taylor School	\$320 per month

Notification of increase will be included with the August 2013 City Services billing.

Motion to increase City garbage rates effective 9/1/2013, as presented above:

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

The auditor informed the Council that the City's 2012 Financial Report was submitted for review. The State Auditor's office approved and accepted the financials with no findings noted.

The July 2013 financial report was accepted as presented.

There was discussion about the gravel in culverts along Chestnut, potentially restricting drainage. The party responsible for placing the gravel will remove it.

Bills submitted for payment –

General Exp: Pat Wilson \$450; Ross Myran \$575; Prairie Home Repair \$325; John's Sinclair \$55.96; Cenex \$163.99; Lenny's Repair \$190.80; Jurgen's Trucking \$127.50; ND State Auditor \$200; Ross Myran – reimb \$21.45; Russ Myran – reimb \$415.99; Richardton Merchant \$26.55; MDU \$311.12

Water Dept: Southwest Water \$2,558.50; Ross Myran \$800; Pat Wilson \$175; HD Supply Waterworks \$1,724.62; Avery Rosendahl \$55.50; MDU \$162.67

Sewer Dept: Ross Myran \$400; Pat Wilson \$150; Bank of ND \$4,050; Russ Myran – reimb \$32.87; Jurgen's Trucking \$382.50; Prairie Home Repair \$25; MDU \$158.82

Garbage Dept: MGM Sanitation \$2,623.56; Pat Wilson \$125

Streets: Ross Myran \$125; Lenny's Repair \$1,200

Insect Control: Ross Myran \$100

Motion to pay the bills: Moved by Ray Fettig, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson, motion carried unanimously.

There was additional discussion about sewer/lagoon capacity and the City's need to contract with an engineering firm on an "as needed" basis.

The next regular City Council meeting is at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 3rd at City Hall.

Moved by Ray Fettig, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson, and carried to adjourn.

Russ Myran, Mayor

Patricia Wilson, Auditor