

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on April 8, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke, Lucas Erickson and Chris Erickson present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by Bankers and second by C. Erickson to approve the March minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Auditor's report was given and the following bills presented for approval:

GENERAL FUND: Waste Management - \$93.28; BEK Communications - \$157.50; John Deere Financial - \$751.01; Payroll Taxes - \$87.21; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$1,008.81; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Cass County Reporter - \$218.40; Clifford Farmers Elevator - \$402.43; Office of State Auditor - \$200.00; Teresa Heidorn (March labor) - \$90.00; Workforce Safety & Insurance - \$127.16; Sarah's M&M Grocery - \$4.39; ERCU Visa - \$126.62 (Page Oil - \$20.00; Menards - \$106.62). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,317.41; Otter Tail Power Company - \$449.72; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,635.73; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$2,103.38; Payroll Taxes - \$170.48; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$125.00; Ferguson WaterWorks - \$501.39; ERCU Visa - \$26.20 (Post Office). **STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND:** Starion Bond Services (Street Bond payment) - \$170,483.00. **HIGHWAY TAX FUND:** CLM Services (Snow Removal) - \$875.00. Motion by Nitschke and second by L. Erickson to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY'S REPORT – Deputy Longlet was not able to be present at the meeting as he was busy with flood related duties. He emailed the March report to the Council. There were 5 calls for service in March.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Moore Engineering was not present at the meeting but did email a copy of the Engineer's Agenda on Street Improvement District No. 2016-1 & Water and Sewer Improvement District No. 2016-2. We are currently in the 1 year correction period for the crack seal and seal coat work. About a week ago Justin Hall met with Mayor Heidorn and Rook from Bituminous to complete an inspection of the seal coat throughout the entire city. It was determined that areas with defective seal coat will be re-seal coated. In areas that were in fair condition, it was agreed to complete a fog coat over the existing seal coat and aggregate. Moore Engineering will be requesting a schedule from Bituminous Paving for the corrective work.
- 2) The GIS mapping which was presented by Moore Engineering at last month's meeting was discussed again by the Council. It was decided that this would be beneficial for the City to have implemented. Motion by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to contact Moore Engineering and implement 3 of the steps of the GIS mapping in the amount of \$19,200 to be paid from Construction Funds and also to purchase an I-Pad to be used exclusively for this program. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) There were some issues at the Lift Station. One of the pumps had a starter go out so only one pump was running for a couple days. This part will be replaced and the pump checked out for any other problems.
- 4) Sump pumps were discussed. A notice will be put in the newsletter advising that sump pumps should not be going into the sanitary sewer system by May 1st.

- 5) Page School has inquired about the possibility of adding a water service to the bus barn. Water should be able to be run to the barn by going under the alley. The Council approved this service as long as the service does not go through the newly paved streets.
- 6) There was an issue with a resident's sewer line. A plumber was called by resident, but the plumber ran into a problem at the main. The resident had to be pay \$600.00 for the plumber's service. As it looks like this is the City's issue being a possible collapsed line at main or elbow joint it was agreed to pay a portion of this bill. Motion by Bankers and second by Erickson to reimburse the resident \$400.00. Motion carried unanimously. JetWay or another contractor will be called regarding the issue in this sewer line to determine exact problem and schedule it to be fixed as soon as feasible.
- 7) The Page Regional Airport Authority presented a letter to the Council requesting an increase to 2 mil (\$962.92) when submitting our budget to the County. Motion by C. Erickson and second by L. Erickson to increase Page Airport Authority to \$965.00 when submitting budget this year. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) BEK Communications has scheduled a meet and greet with the Community on April 11th at the Page City Auditorium from 4:30 to 7:30.
- 9) A letter was received from the State Auditor's Office that the City's 2018 Financial Statement was reviewed and approved by their office with no findings noted.
- 10) Clean-up week will be May 16 – 23.

As it was 8:00 am, Mayor Heidorn adjourned the Council Meeting so the Tax Equalization Meeting could be opened. City Council meeting resumed at 8:30 a.m.

- 11) Gaming permits have been requested by Page Café for a raffle and by the OSLC Sunday School for their quilt raffle. Motion by C. Erickson and second by Bankers to approve both permits. Motion carried unanimously.
- 12) Conditions of alleys was discussed. There are many alleys that require gravel and some trimming of trees, bushes, etc.
- 13) Past Due water bills were discussed. The past due accounts this month are as follows. Disconnect notices will be sent out.
 - Bobby Bergfield – 19 days past due
 - Jim & Chari Dunn – 19 days past due
 - Lance Iwen – over 30 days past due
 - Patrick Lindseth – 19 days past due
 - Kristine Royal – over 60 days past due
 - David Tomperi – over 30 days past due
 - Jessica Wanzek – over 10 months past due

- 14) The Fire Department advised the Council that the Railroad has increased their lease so they will not be renewing and will need to have the buildings removed which are on this property owned by railroad. They have contracted to have this done, but will need to have a location to put all the concrete which will come off this property. It was discussed that there is a location at the City Dumpground that could be used for this as long as it is distributed properly thereafter.

15) Mayor Heidorn expressed the need for a new chainsaw and the Council approved the purchase of a chainsaw at the approximate cost of \$500.

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by L. Erickson and second by C. Erickson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor