

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on August 12, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke, Chris Erickson and Lucas Erickson present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by L. Erickson and second by Nitschke to approve the July minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

GENERAL FUND: Waste Management - \$93.28; Waste Management (Park) - \$72.30; BEK Communications - \$164.63; John Deere Financial - \$209.62; Payroll Taxes - \$341.40; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$842.89; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Teresa Heidorn (July labor) - \$870.00; Cass County Reporter - \$122.02; Arthur Companies - \$50.00; Sarah's M&M Grocery - \$21.09; Ohnstad-Twicheil (transfer of property to City) - \$245.00; ERCU Visa - \$468.15 (Menards -\$28.83; Office Depot - \$135.43; United Power Equip. - \$56.00; Lowe's - \$225.89; Post Office - \$22.00). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,317.41; Otter Tail Power Company - \$174.12; Cass Rural Water Users - \$4,515.88; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,743.93; Payroll Taxes - \$142.97; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$125.00; Arthur Companies (Mosquito Control) - \$354.00; Jet-Way - \$2,921.25; ERCU Visa - \$324.88 (Post Office - 26.20; Fleet Farm - \$163.25; Office Depot - \$135.43). The policy renewal for Commercial Buildings and Personal property was reviewed. It was discussed that the Auditorium coverage needs to be changed to exclude old ambulance garage and add office. The Auditor stated she would coordinate with ND Insurance Department to get this change done. No other changes in policy were noted. Motion by L. Erickson and second by C. Erickson to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY'S REPORT – Deputy Longlet was unable to attend this month's meeting.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Two sewer mains were cleaned out and televised by Jet-Way. Both mains looked good. One service connection to a residence looks partially blocked in each sewer main. These will need to be addressed by the property owner.
- 2) Moore Engineering was not present at the meeting. Corrective work has been completed on the streets. Heidorn stated that he feels the streets should be swept one more time. He will discuss this with Justin Hall of Moore Engineering. Invoice #21581 in the amount of \$16,803.05 was received from Moore Engineering. Motion by Nitschke and second by Bankers to hold payment of this invoice until Moore Engineering is present at a meeting to explain the charges on this invoice. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) A water leak was detected on Seward Street on July 27th. Repairs have been done except for street repairs. An estimate will be given by EEE, Inc. to make repairs to street and gutter.
- 4) The Auditor stated that she has received a call from someone who will be working in the area on a construction project and would like to know if the RV Park will be available into November. They stated that they have experience in dealing with keeping water lines from freezing, etc. The Council stated that they have no objection to keeping RV Park open into November as long as the renters keep water lines and hydrants from freezing.

- 5) The Preliminary Budgets for the City and Park District have been submitted to the County Auditor for review. The Adoption Hearing for the Final Budgets is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.
- 6) Fall Clean-up Week is tentatively scheduled for September 26th to October 3rd. There will be one 30 yard roll-off along with a roll-off or trailer for collection of appliances. (Must be free of freon.)
- 7) Motion by C. Erickson and second by L. Erickson to designate Ihry Insurance as the Insurance Agent of record for North Dakota Fire and Tornado matters through the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Correspondence was reviewed. A progress report was received from Lake Agassiz on the Page Housing Development Rehabilitation Project.
- 9) L. Erickson reported that the repairs needed to the sidewalk in front of the Auditorium along with repairs need to curb and gutter on the corner of Morton Avenue and 2nd Street and the repairs needed on Seward Street should come in under \$4,500 for all three projects. Bankers stated that the repairs to sidewalk need to be done right away and made a motion which was seconded by C. Erickson to get repairs done by the end of September. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10) A request has been received from a resident requesting permission to put up a snow fence in the ditch across the street from his property and also in the alley north of his property. The Council stated the snow fence in the ditch would be okay as long as resident is aware that it would have to be removed if it creates any snow removal problems in the street. The Council denied request for snow fence in alley.
- 11) Branches have been found in the Compost Pile again. There will be a notice put in the City newsletter regarding the use of the Compost Pile along with a notice regarding use of 4-wheelers on city streets.
- 12) Nitschke asked the Council for their advice on any possible locations for the Park's ice rink this winter. Possible locations will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 13) Past Due water bills were discussed. One account will be turned off due to non-payment this afternoon. The past due accounts this month are as follows:

Pam Belling – 23 days past due
Bobby Bergfield – 23 days past due
Jim & Chari Dunn – 23 days past due
Dustin Erickson – over 30 days past due
Brendan Ingram – over 30 days past due
Lance Iwen – 23 days past due
Kristine Royal – over 90 days past due
David Tomperi – over 30 days past due
Jessica Wanzek – over 12 months past due

14) Heidorn stated that the hydrants have been flushed and the gate valves will be exercised soon.

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor