

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on December 14, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. at the Page City Auditorium with Jim Heidorn, Lucas Erickson, Chris Erickson, Sarah Ritter and Eryn Jager present. Sheriff Jesse Jahner, Deputy Jacob Longlet and Deputy Matt King were also present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by L. Erickson and second by Jager to approve the November minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

GENERAL FUND: Waste Management - \$94.94; Waste Management (Park) - \$78.96; BEK Communications - \$49.14; John Deere Financial - \$1,153.36; Payroll Taxes - \$94.91; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$987.60; City Auditor - \$1,123.50 (Monthly salary); Cass County Reporter - \$98.04; Clifford Farmers Elevator - \$221.12; Teresa Heidorn (November Labor) - \$117.00; Midwest Pest Control - \$84.00; Page Oil - \$528.40; Praxair - \$343.90; Sarah's M&M Grocery - \$2.99; Cass County Finance (Assessment fees) - \$400.00; Cass County Finance (Final payment) - \$1,592.80; ND League of Cities - \$438.00; Frame Lighting, Inc. - \$1,750.00; CLM Services - \$135.00; ERCU Visa - \$165.19 (Runnings - \$61.19; ND League of Cities - \$75.00; Page Oil - \$29.00). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,383.55; Otter Tail Power Company - \$204.84; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,556.10; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$853.13; Payroll Taxes - \$75.63; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$135.42; ND One Call - \$3.60; ERCU Visa - \$164.16 (Post Office - \$53.90; Deluxe Office - \$110.26). Motion by Ritter and second by L. Erickson to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY'S REPORT – Deputy Longlet presented reports for September, October and November. September had 3 calls for service. There was a speeding complaint about traffic on 3rd Street in the mornings. October also had 3 calls for service. There was a suspicious activity call generated by a night patrolman that found some equipment with the lights on but no one around. November had 3 medical calls. Deputy Longlet will be moving to night shift supervisor. He introduced Deputy Matt King who will be taking over as the City of Page liaison with Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Jesse Jahner was present at the meeting to review various Crime Prevention programs that have been started in the County. They have partnered with insurance companies to hand out markers to residents to mark their equipment or other belongings. These markings cannot be seen and will be helpful in identifying stolen property. Deputy King will be bringing out information on this program and handing out markers. There is also a Crime Mapping Program which maps when and where burglaries are happening and also a Neighborhood App which works with the Ring Doorbell system. These programs can be seen on the Cass County Sheriff's Office Facebook page and information will also be distributed by Deputy King. Sheriff Jahner also stated the importance of all residents signing up on the Cass Clay Alerts system which will alert residents to bad weather in the area among other things. Flyers will be available in local businesses and will also be placed in the City newsletter and Facebook page. The Sheriff's department now has its own truck plow which can get through most areas with heavy snow. It also has a sled with 2 snowmobiles so they are able to respond to calls during bad weather. The Council thanked Sheriff Jahner for attending the meeting and updating the Council on the various programs being implemented.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Heidorn stated he was going to meet with Moore Engineering a few weeks ago regarding improvements needed at Lagoon, but their Sanitary Sewer Engineer was unable to schedule a date due to Covid. Another date will be scheduled soon. Invoice #25485 in the amount of \$855.00 was received from Moore Engineering regarding GIS mapping. Motion by L. Erickson and second by C. Erickson to pay this invoice. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) COVID 19 update. The Governor has extended the mask mandate and the bar and restaurants closing at 10 pm until the middle of January.
- 3) Tax-forfeited properties – The City will be receiving ownership from the County on 6 parcels that were not sold at auction. Two of the properties have a structure on the parcel. Further discussion on these properties was tabled until next meeting.
- 4) A bid was received on painting the interior of the City Auditorium. After discussion, it was decided to get more bids on this project.
- 5) Heidorn stated that he had called the State regarding lighting on Highway 38 at 5th Street. He has not gotten a response as yet so will call again.
- 6) Heidorn presented a bid from RDO in Moorhead for a new John Deere Tractor loader with mower and snowblower, etc. He attempted to get bids from a couple other dealers but they were unable to deal with trade-ins or Government discount paperwork. After trade-ins the bid came in at \$34,094.62. The 2002 tractor with accessories has several hours on it and it was decided it was best to trade this in now while it still has some value. After much discussion on reducing the amount by using funds from Street improvement funds and sales tax funds, a motion was made by Ritter and second by L. Erickson to have the Auditor meet with the Loan Officer at Hometown Community Bank and redo the current loan there to include this purchase keeping the monthly payment at the current amount. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Correspondence – The inspection report was received from the State on the City Landfill inspection done in October. No findings were noted.
- 8) Past due water and sewer accounts were discussed. Heidorn stated that he has attempted to contact Ripp's Trucking regarding their past due account and has discussed this with Burlington Northern. The Voice mail has been discontinued. An attempt will be made to locate another phone number for this company. Past due accounts this month are as follows:

Keagan Haas – 23 days past due
Lance Iwen – over 120 days past due
Patrick Lindseth – over 30 days past due
Corey Phelps – over 30 days past due
Pat Selby – 23 days past due
Carol Stafford – over 30 days past due
David Tomperi – over 30 days past due
Michael Warren – over 30 days past due
Ripp's Trucking – over 120 days past due

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by C. Erickson and second by Jager to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:00 AM in the Page City Auditorium.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor