

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on December 9, 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 Nitschke and second by Bankers 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 - \$93.28; Waste Management (Park) - \$72.30; BEK Communications - \$45.00; John Deere Financial - \$90.00; Payroll Taxes - \$87.66; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$1,550.73; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Teresa Heidorn (November labor) - \$96.00; GovOffice (Website) - \$475.00; Clifford Farmers Elevator - \$348.15; New Century Press - \$30.00; ND League of Cities - \$438.00; ERCU Visa - \$67.83 (Runnings). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,317.41; Otter Tail Power Company - \$298.13; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,851.85; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$568.00; Payroll Taxes - \$53.02; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$125.00; ND One Call - \$2.40; ND Rural Water Systems Assoc. (due) - \$245.00; ERCU Visa - Post Office - 26.20. Motion by C. Erickson and second by L. Erickson to add \$50.00 for donation to Equipment Fund and \$50.00 for donation to scholarship fund to the dues payment to ND Rural Water Systems Assoc. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bankers 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 meeting but emailed his November report. There were 3 calls for service in November (an animal call, an alarm call and a call about a traffic complaint).

The following items were discussed:

- 1) GrantFinder Subscription: The ND League of Cities is again offering a subscription to GrantFinder, which is the largest searchable database of private, state and federal grants available to municipalities, park districts and local nonprofits. The subscription cost for 2020 is \$50.00. Motion by Nitschke and second by Bankers to renew the GrantFinder subscription. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) CLM Services Contract– A new contract for snow removal from CLM Services was reviewed by Council. It was noted that there are no changes from previous contract. Motion by Nitschke and second by Bankers to approve the execution of this contract by Mayor Heidorn. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Waste Management: A letter was received from Waste Management announcing an increase in their rate due to increase in City of Fargo landfill fees. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by L. Erickson and second by C. Erickson to increase the garbage rate by 75 cents. Motion carried unanimously. This new rate will be reflected on the bills sent out in January.
- 4) The two parcels that were on the Cass County tax-forfeited auction sale on November 14th did not sell at the auction so therefore were offered to the City. Paperwork has been filed. The Council decided to set up a date in February for clean-up of the building on the property.
- 5) Nitschke stated that Jessica Erickson has agreed to become a member of the Park Board. The Park Board has been discussing getting the Ice Rink out again this year. Chris Erickson stated that he will get the area north of the Fire Hall cleaned out so it can be placed there again this year. The Park Board is also considering doing Roller Skating in the auditorium again a few Sundays this winter. They will post dates as soon as they have been decided.

- 6) Heidorn stated that he will be attending the Community Meeting at the Hope Page Elementary School on Wednesday, December 11th regarding possible plans for the two school facilities. The Committees are asking for public input. The Council discussed the possible options for the facilities and all Council members agreed that an option for renovating and updating the school facilities would be preferred over building a new school.
- 7) Correspondence was reviewed. No action taken.
- 8) Past Due water bills were discussed. Two accounts will be turned off tonight or tomorrow if not brought up to date. Four accounts will be turned off at the end of the week if payments are not received. The past due accounts this month are as follows:

Pam Belling – over 60 days past due
Jim & Chari Dunn – over 60 days past due
Dustin Erickson – over 30 days past due
Kegan Haas – 20 days past due
Ken Hubbard – 20 days past due
Lance Iwen – over 60 days past due
Patrick Lindseth – over 30 days past due
Nathan Nelson – 20 days past due
Page Oil – 20 days past due
Cory Phelps – over 30 days past due
Kristine Royal – over 120 days past due
Carol Stafford – over 30 days past due
David Tomperi – 20 days past due

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 8:30 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor