

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on February 10, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke and Chris Erickson present. Deputy Longlet was also present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting. Lucas Erickson arrived at 7:30 a.m.

Motion by Nitschke and second by Bankers to approve the January 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) - \$198.96; BEK Communications - \$26.70; John Deere Financial - \$1,570.73; Payroll Taxes - \$80.32; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$1,810.07; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Cass County Reporter - \$120.69; Clifford Farmers Elevator - \$322.87; Page Regional Airport Authority - \$965.00; Julie Bankers {printing expense} - \$34.12; ERCU Visa - \$958.66 (Office Depot - \$6.14; Amazon - \$102.73; Target - \$47.92; Menards - \$230.42; Runnings - \$44.31; Handy Hardware - \$23.60; Northern Tool {Welder} - \$503.54). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,333.97; Otter Tail Power Company - \$443.08; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,483.30; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,775.00; Payroll Taxes - \$147.19; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$149.00; Railroad Management Company - \$258.95; ERCU Visa - \$26.20 (Post Office). **HIGHWAY FUND:** CLM Services - \$730.00. 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 presented his monthly report. There were two calls for service in January (1 crash and 1 medical). Coca with a Deputy event with sledding has been scheduled for February 22nd at the Page Fire Hall from 2 – 5. Information will be posted on Facebook and posters will be distributed to local businesses.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) The Auditor stated that items have been purchased for the Auditorium winter storm shelter. Air mattresses should arrive tomorrow. Quilts were donated by the Our Savior Lutheran Church Quilting group. A thank you card will be sent. A microwave will also be purchased for the kitchen. The Auditorium will be available for shelter if any motorists get stranded during severe winter storm conditions.
- 2) Requests have been made to have the auditorium open for walking. It was decided that the Auditor will have the auditorium open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday for walking. This information will be placed on Facebook and in the newsletter and also posted in local businesses.
- 3) Motion by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to approve Gaming Permit for the Page Fire Department for their annual Fund Raising Event on April 4th. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Mayor Heidorn gave a report on the recent Page Development Corporation meeting he attended. He stated that the Page Development Corporation is still interested in pursuing the Renaissance Zone program but Heidorn explained to them that the Council feels that it is cost prohibitive at this time. Cleaning up city owned lots, etc. was also discussed. Heidorn related to the Development Corporation that this was discussed at the last City Council meeting and as soon as weather permits pictures of cleaned up lots and other available real estate will be placed on the city website.

- 5) The Auditor presented the 2019 City Financial Statement to the City Council for their review and the completed 2019 Audit which will be sent to the State Auditor for their approval was also presented to the Council. The 2019 City Financial Statement will be placed in the City newsletter and also in the Cass County Reporter.
- 6) The Auditor had a discussion with Sarah at Ohnstad Twichell regarding Municipal Judge policies and State guidelines. A copy of this was presented to Council. Appointment of a Municipal Judge would not be cost effective at this time.

The Auditor also asked Sarah's advice on the city owned property that is currently being farmed by a local farmer. She suggested that the City send him a letter regarding this along with some options on how to resolve this situation before taking any other action. A letter will be sent certified with return receipt as soon as possible.

- 7) Nitschke stated that in the last CityScan publication there was an article regarding nominating your local Fire Department to receive an award of specialized equipment and a rescue training session for grain bin rescues. This contest runs January 1 through April 30, 2020 and winning entries will receive one grain rescue tube, valued between \$3,000 to \$5,000 and one six-hour grain entrapment rescue training session at winner's location valued up to \$5,000. This information will be passed on to the Fire Department and other interested parties. Additional information and to submit an entry visit: www.mysightonline.com/participate-with-us.
- 8) Bankers stated that the "Welcome Packet" for new residents has been completed. She presented this to the Council and copies were given to the Auditor to present to any new residents.
- 9) Miscellaneous Correspondence was reviewed. No action taken.
- 10) Past Due water bills were discussed. One account was shut off on January 26th due to non-payment.

The past due accounts this month are as follows:

Pam Belling – 21 days past due
Bobby Bergfield – 21 days past due
Jim & Chari Dunn – over 30 days past due
Dustin Erickson – over 30 days past due
Lance Iwen – over 90 days past due
Corey Phelps – 21 days past due
Kristine Royal – over 120 days past due
Carol Stafford – over 30 days past due

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by Nitschke and second by Bankers to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor