

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on February 11, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke, Lucas Erickson and Chris Erickson present. Mike Mittleider and Judi Hintz of BEK Communications, Deputy Jacob Longlet and one other guest were also present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by L. Erickson 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 - \$91.00; BEK Communications - \$145.03; John Deere Financial - \$893.22; Payroll Taxes - \$84.92; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$1,261.61; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Teresa Heidorn (January labor) - \$60.00; Sarah's M&M Grocery - \$9.99; Cass County Reporter - \$312.78; Workers Safety Insurance - \$340.58; Clifford Farmers Elevator - \$376.68; ND Insurance Department - \$40.00; Hope Electric - \$80.00; Page Regional Airport Authority - \$170.00; ERCU Visa - \$701.53 (Menard's \$101.53, Runnings - \$141.62, Post Office - \$6.30; Fleet Farm - \$58.84, O'Reilly Auto Parts - \$165.54; Amazon - \$96.30, ND League of Cities - \$50.00, Page Oil - \$27.00, Office Depot - \$54.80). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,285.35; Otter Tail Power Company - \$405.10; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,551.55 Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,588.62; Payroll Taxes - \$131.09; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$125.00; Railroad Management Company - \$235.41; ERCU Visa - \$75.36 (Post Office \$25.40, Menards - \$49.96). **HIGHWAY TAX FUND:** CLM Services - \$835.00. Motion by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Moore Engineering Invoice #20328 in the amount of \$510.00 was presented for payment. Motion by C. Erickson and second by L. Erickson to pay Moore Engineering invoice as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) DEPUTY'S REPORT: Deputy Longlet introduced himself to the Council as our new liaison with Cass County Sheriff's Department. He presented the latest Calls for service reports. There were 4 calls for service in January (2 harassment calls, 1 threat complaint and 1 fire call). Deputy Longlet and Council Member Nitschke have organized the "Cocoa with Deputy" event scheduled for Sunday, February 17th from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Page Café. Everyone is welcome.
- 3) Mike Mittleider and Judi Hintz of BEK Communications were present at the meeting to introduce BEK Communications as a provider for telephone and internet services. They recently merged with Inter-Community Telephone. They discussed some of the free services that BEK provides to city properties and also grant opportunities. They would like to assign the franchise resolution done in 2009 with Inter-Community Telephone to BEK Communications. This is a 20 year agreement so will go until 2019. A copy of the 2009 agreement will be sent to the Auditor to distribute to the Council for their review and this will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting. BEK Communications will be added to the agenda for the March meeting.
- 4) The mosquito control agreement received from Cass County Vector Control was reviewed by Council. Motion by Nitschke and second by Bankers to approve the execution of said agreement by Mayor Heidorn. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) The Semi-Annual Report on the Page Housing Rehabilitation Grant from Lake Agassiz was reviewed by Council.

- 6) The Annual Service Agreement with ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service Co. was reviewed by Council. Motion by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to approve the execution of said service agreement by Mayor Heidorn. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Mayor Heidorn reported on the recent Page Development Corporation meeting he attended. The Development Corporation again expressed their interest in the Council pursuing a Renaissance Zone and also expanding the City of Page website to include a section for the Development Corporation. The Auditor stated that she has since talked to a member of the Development Corporation on these items and he stated that the Development Corporation is more than willing to assist in these endeavors in any way they can. Motion made Bankers and second by Nitschke to have the Auditor meet with members of the Page Development Corporation to discuss the Renaissance Zone and City website. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) The Auditor stated that a complaint was received via Facebook regarding snow being piled in their back yard from the alley. L. Erickson stated that this was done as propane truck was in hurry to enter alley to get access to propane tank and snow was left in homeowner's backyard. This snow will be moved as soon as possible and an apology will be sent to the homeowner.
- 9) A homeowner attended the meeting to address the Notice of Nuisance he received requesting his appearance at this meeting to discuss the issue at hand on the homeowner's property. After a lengthy and heated discussion the Mayor, Council and resident came to an agreement that the issue at hand would be taken care of once the ground thaws and the Council also stated that the City would assist if resident so needs. The homeowner also had issues regarding past due water bills being published in City Council meeting minutes and snow removal on the homeowner's street. Compromises were agreed upon at the end of the discussion and Mayor Heidorn apologized to the homeowner for any misunderstandings or miscommunications regarding these issues and hopefully these can be resolved to the satisfaction of both the City and the homeowner.
- 10) The Council discussed the complaint of past due water bills being published in minutes and have decided to continue doing so. Past due water bills were reviewed. The past due accounts this month are as follows:
 - Bobby Bergfield – 22 days past due
 - Jim & Chari Dunn – Over 30 days past due
 - Dustin Erickson – Over 30 days past due
 - Brendan Ingram – 22 days past due
 - Lance Iwen – Over 30 days past due
 - Dan Lindseth – 22 days past due
 - Kristine Royal – 22 days past due
 - Jessica Wanzek – Over 8 months past due
- 11) Nitschke reported that the Park Board has added Brad Callender as a new member to the Park Board. The Park Board will be hosting Roller Skating at the Auditorium on Sunday, February 24th from 2 pm to 4 pm. A couple clean up days will be scheduled in the spring for the Park. The Board would like to concentrate on the Tennis Court area this spring. Signs for the Park and the Tennis Court have been discussed. They will also be posting for the park mowing position shortly.
- 12) Heidorn stated that he recently entered the Rural Water well pit at water tower and discovered that the heater was malfunctioning. Repairs were done so as to keep temperature in the pit well above freezing.
- 13) The electronic bill board sign located on corner of 4th Street and Morton Avenue was discussed. The Auditor was instructed to notify the person in charge of sign at school to have Council meetings and other city functions added to the sign when possible.

14) Bankers stated that someone asked about the Office not being opened this past Saturday. The Auditor apologized for not being open but was only able to stop in briefly this past Saturday due to other functions going on during that day. Bankers also stated that someone asked her about the Page Café having Bingo on Wednesdays and whether or not a permit is required. The Auditor stated that a gaming permit was issued to the Page Café for Bingo and the permit number is displayed on their posters advertising Bingo.

15) Mayor Heidorn thanked CLM services for their assistance in keeping up with snow removal during the past few storms. It is very much appreciated.

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by Nitschke and second by L. Erickson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor