

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. at the Page City Office with Jim Heidorn, Chris Erickson and Eryn Jager present. Lucas Erickson and Sarah Ritter were absent. Deputy King and Christopher Cote of Waste Management were also present at the meeting. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by Jager and second by Erickson 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) - \$73.96; BEK Communications - \$48.57; John Deere Financial - \$68.40; Payroll Taxes - \$85.96; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$1,202.67; City Auditor - \$1,123.50 (Monthly salary); Clifford Farmers Elevator - \$302.77; Page Regional Airport Authority - \$965.00; Sarah's M&M Grocery - \$82.77; Page Oil Company - \$34.86; ERCU Visa – \$931.06 (Northern Tool - \$80.60; Tractor Supply - \$35.38; Menards - \$323.58; Handy Hardware - \$63.28; DEY Appliance - \$22.58; Office Depot - \$238.24; Mill Supply - \$167.40). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,383.55; Otter Tail Power Company – \$355.48; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,399.13; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,434.28; Payroll Taxes - \$120.08; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$135.42; Railroad Management Co. - \$284.85; ERCU Visa – \$26.95 (Post Office). Motion by Erickson and second by Jager to approve the Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPUTY'S REPORT** – Deputy King reviewed January's report with the Council. There was one call for service last month – a suspicious vehicle which was located south of town.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) No update from Moore Engineering on GIS Web Mapping. An invoice was received from Moore Engineering in the amount of \$775.00 for additional work on the GIS Web mapping. Motion by Erickson and second by Jager to approve payment of Invoice #25969 in the amount of \$775.00 to Moore Engineering. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Tax-forfeited properties – Quit Claim deeds have been received from the County on the six tax forfeited properties. The City will need to hold the deed on the property with a house located on it for a least 90 days from date of recording before attempting to sell the property.
- 3) Tractor Purchase. The new tractor and accessories has been delivered. The invoice from John Deere has not been received as yet. The loan at Hometown Community Bank will be refinanced as discussed at January Council meeting as soon as invoice is received.
- 4) Christopher Cote, District Manager with Waste Management was present at the meeting to review with the Council the contract for collection and disposal of city garbage which will be renewed on March 1, 2021 for 3 years. There is a slight increase in the residential garbage fee and an increase to \$9.75 for the second residential garbage container. Motion by Erickson and second by Jager to approve the contract with Waste Management and authorize Mayor Heidorn to execute said Contract. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was had on residential garbage rates. Motion by Jager and second by Erickson to not change the residential garbage fee leaving it at \$20.00 per month and to increase the fee for the second residential garbage container to \$9.75 per month. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) The audit completed by the City Auditor of the 2020 Financial Statement was reviewed with the City Council. This is sent to the State Auditor's Office for their review and approval.

- 6) Correspondence was reviewed. A memo was received from Cass County Government regarding Flood Risk Reduction projects using the Cass County Sales Tax. Mayor Heidorn stated that the City should try and request funds from this for work on the East Ditch possibly adding a dam and pump at the south end. Heidorn will look into this further. No action was taken on other correspondence.
- 7) The Park's ice rink has been set up on the tennis court south of the School's playground. The Fire Department assisted in getting this set up. Heidorn stated that the location was a good idea.
- 8) Erickson inquired if Moore Engineering has had a chance to review conditions at the Lagoon. Heidorn stated that this has not been done as yet and plans are to wait until spring at this time.
- 9) The Tax Equalization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m. following the City Council meeting which is scheduled at 7:00 a.m.
- 10) Heidorn stated that there have been some issues with the Boiler in the Auditorium. Parts have been ordered. He also stated that the heater at the Well House pit quit working and he will be calling an electrician to install a new heater.
- 11) Past due water and sewer accounts were discussed. Past due notices will be sent out to those over 30 days and more past due. Heidorn will attempt to contact Ripp's Trucking again. Past due accounts this month are as follows:
  - Pam Belling – over 30 days past due
  - Bobby Bergfield – 22 days past due
  - Jerome Gustin – over 30 days past due
  - Lance Iwen – over 120 days past due
  - Nathan Nelson – over 30 days past due
  - Corey Phelps – over 30 days past due
  - Kristine Royal – 22 days past due
  - Carol Stafford – over 60 days past due
  - Robin Thomas – 22 days past due
  - Ripp's Trucking – over 120 days past due

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by Erickson and second by Jager to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:0 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 AM in the Page City Office.

Judy L. Johnson  
City Auditor