

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on July 13, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. at the Page City Auditorium with Jim Heidorn, Lucas Erickson, Sarah Ritter and Eryn Jager present. Chris Erickson was absent. Brandon Oye and Justin Hall of Moore Engineering and Deputy Longlet were also present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by L. Erickson and second by Jager to approve the June 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; Waste Management (Catholic Church Clean-up) - \$579.22; BEK Communications - \$49.39; John Deere Financial - \$281.45; Payroll Taxes - \$269.10; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$893.45; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Page Oil - \$27.52; Clifford Farmers Elevator - \$185.73; Cass County Reporter - \$319.96; ND League of Cities (Conference Call) - \$27.84; Kasowski-Gubrud Repair - \$35.56; Pro-Sweep - \$1,462.50; Teresa Heidorn (June Labor) - \$168.00; ERCU Visa - \$381.26 (Menards - \$134.05; ND League of Cities - \$100.00; Home Depot - \$59.02; Post Office - \$11.00; Norton Anti-Virus - \$42.19; Farmers Union Oil - \$35.00.) **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,383.55; Waste Management (Clean-up Week) - \$182.62; Otter Tail Power Company - \$291.31; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,638.00; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,473.25; Payroll Taxes - \$122.26; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$125.00; ND One Call - \$8.40; Cass County Reporter - \$26.84; ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service Company - \$150.00; Ferguson WaterWorks - \$139.64. Motion by L. Erickson and second by Jager to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPUTY'S REPORT** – Deputy Longlet presented his reports for May and June. There were 4 calls for service in May involving a public assist about an abandoned trailer and three medicals. Extra patrol for stop signs was also documented during the month of May. There were two calls for service in June. A discussion was had on leash laws for dogs. Cass County has a leash ordinance along with the City of Page. There has also been numerous complaints of excessive barking of dogs especially in the early morning and late evening. These two problems will be noted in the City Newsletter. Also, the use of golf carts, ATV's, 4-wheelers and go-carts on city streets were discussed with Deputy Longlet. All such vehicles must be street legal (lights and be registered and/or licensed) and the operator must have a driver's license or permit. All traffic regulations must be observed including the speed limit.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Moore Engineering – The seal coat that was done several months ago was discussed. Everything went well and was done satisfactorily. This completes the Street Improvement District No. 2016-1 and Water & Sewer Improvement District No. 2016-2 projects. Crack sealing will possibly be done in the summer of 2022. Moore Engineering will provide the City with a list of asphalt repair companies.

GIS WebMap project was also discussed. This will record all GIS locations of curb stops, gate valves, water & sewer service lines, etc. on-line which will be a beneficial tool for the City. The estimated cost for the mapping and other updates will be \$19,200. This will be paid out of the Construction Account which still has money available for Street projects or for water & sewer improvements. Motion by L. Erickson and second by Ritter authorizing Moore Engineering to continue with the project for the City. Motion carried unanimously. Hall will update passwords and user IDs for the Council and will send to the Auditor to give to each Council member.

The dikes between the cells at the Lagoon are beginning to show signs of erosion. Oye and Hall will stop out there after the meeting to inspect and report back to the City what work may need to be done.

- 2) A water leak was discovered Saturday on Argus Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets. Work will begin this morning by Petersen Construction to repair. Water will be off until work is completed.
- 3) The 2021 Preliminary budgets for the City of Page and the Page Park District were reviewed by the Council. An increase of approximately 7% was included for salaried and hourly employees (except for Mayor and Council members) as no increase has been given in 10 years. Motion by Jager and second by L. Erickson to approve the Preliminary Budgets for the City of Page and Page Park District and submit to Cass County Auditor for their review and to set Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for the Adoption of the Final Budgets. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) The Harwood Area Fire & Rescue Inc. has applied for a Gaming Site Authorization from the State Attorney General to place electronic gaming machines in R&J's Front Page Lounge. Motion by L. Erickson and second by Ritter to approve this license. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) The auditor presented the Council with a price list from Display Sales for the Welcome banners. It was decided that at least 8 banners need to be replaced. The cost is \$115.00 each plus the set-up fees. Motion by Jager and second by Ritter to order 8 banners. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) L. Erickson stated that the work on the auditorium sidewalk has been completed and the Council agreed that the work looks very good. A portion of a sidewalk near the post office was also repaired and the portion of a resident's driveway that needs to be repaired after street improvement project should be poured today.
- 7) Jager expressed concern about the amount of trash that is left in the tennis court area and other areas where people just toss garbage out of vehicle windows.
- 8) Heidorn stated that the 10 Snowflake displays have been delivered to Frame Lighting for reconditioning and should be ready to pick up by September 15<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that the light has been fixed on the Welcome to Page sign at the west entrance.
- 9) The use of the Park mower was discussed. Heidorn stated that the west ball field has been sprayed for weeds and he will also check with Newman Signs about replacing the sign for the west ball field which was named for Dewey Nelson.
- 10) Past Due water and sewer accounts were discussed. Past Due accounts this month are as follows:

Pam Belling – 21 days past due  
Lance Iwen – over 120 days past due  
Nathan Nelson – 21 days past due  
Kristine Royal – over 120 days past due  
Carol Stafford – 21 days past due

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by L. Erickson and second by Ritter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson  
City Auditor