

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on July 8, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke and Lucas Erickson present. Chris Erickson was absent. Deputy Longlet was also present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by Nitschke and second by Bankers 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 - \$93.28; Waste Management (Park) - \$125.32; BEK Communications - \$166.51; John Deere Financial - \$447.83; Payroll Taxes - \$134.26; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$938.61; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Teresa Heidorn (June labor) - \$705.00; Mayor & Council - \$2,542.50; Ihry Insurance - \$200.00; ND Insurance Reserve Fund - \$825.96; Kasowski Gubrud Repair - \$33.35; Midwest Pest Control - \$84.00; Sarah's M&M Grocery - \$29.89; ERCU Visa - \$264.63 (Menards -\$84.10; Office Depot - \$46.36; Cooper Implement - \$134.17). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,317.41; Otter Tail Power Company - \$292.25; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,858.68; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,109.38; Payroll Taxes - \$94.43; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$125.00; Arthur Companies (Mosquito Control) - \$500.00; ND One Call - \$6.00; ERCU Visa - \$547.15 (Post Office - 26.20; Post Office - envelopes - \$333.05; Ag Spray \$141.55; Office Depot - \$46.35). The policy renewal for Commercial Buildings and Personal property was reviewed. It was discussed that the Auditorium coverage needs to be changed to exclude old ambulance garage and add office. The Auditor stated she would coordinate with ND Insurance Department to get this change done. No other changes in policy were noted. Motion by Bankers and second by L. Erickson to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY'S REPORT – Deputy Longlet presented the June report. There were six calls for service. Most notable was an attempt to locate a stolen vehicle and a poisoning call.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Moore Engineering was not present at the meeting but a report was received from them stating that a second inspection of defective seal coat work on June 25th. Present were Justin Hall, Brandon Oye and Hugh Veit of Moore Engineering; Rook Dallman of Bituminous Paving and Mayor Jim Heidorn. It was determined that the seal coat be redone in any area that did not already have the seal coat redone and also that all areas are to receive a fog coat. After the inspection, Bituminous Paving stated that they felt the repairs are unfair and not warranted. Moore Engineering will be drafting a letter to Bituminous Paving regarding defective work as per the Contract. Mayor Heidorn stated that he advised Justin Hall to bring Ohnstad Twichell up to date on this dispute. Heidorn also told the Council that he would like to arrange a meeting with the owner of Bituminous Paving to see if these issues could be resolved.
- 2) The Council was brought up to date on the water tower issues that happened the weekend of June 22nd. The water tower became empty due to a bad valve. The valve was bypassed and the water tower began to slowly fill. With the assistance of a representative from Moore Engineering the following week, we were able to get water tower filled and issues resolved. Maintenance has been scheduled for the valves the first or second week of July and the bad valve will be replaced.

- 3) A request has been received from a resident to have the alley on his block vacated. The Council reviewed this and it was decided that vacating alley would not be possible as main sewer line runs through the alley. Heidorn will inform this resident. Another resident has requested an alley be vacated at his location and there is no objection to this alley be vacated as no sewer line would be affected. Information will be sent to those interested in vacating an alley on the proper procedure to get an alley vacated.
- 4) The Preliminary Budgets for the City and Park District were presented to the Council for their review. Upon review, no changes were noted. Motion by L. Erickson and second by Nitschke to approve the Preliminary Budget for the City of Page as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Nitschke and second by L. Erickson to approve the Preliminary Budget for the Page Park District as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The Budget statements for the City and Park District will be submitted to the County Auditor before August 9th along with the date of the Adoption of the Final Budgets scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.
- 5) Nitschke presented a report on the Park. Concessions went well during the ball games even though one ball game was cancelled due to weather. The flowers on the north end of Concession Stand were donated by Michelle (Randy) Thompson. The Council stated that Tony Evert who was hired by the Park to do mowing has been doing a very good job at keeping Park looking good. Nitschke also asked if it was still the plan to add gravel to some alleys. Heidorn stated that as soon as gravel can be ordered this project will be completed as planned.
- 6) It was noted that the flower pots located in front of the city auditorium and at the RV Park were donated by Teresa Heidorn. Thank you Teresa!
- 7) Heidorn stated that the sidewalk in front of the auditorium needs to be repaired where it has heaved up so much. An estimate for the repair will be requested from EEE, Inc. He also stated that a resident is consistently having problems with their sewer line and the City has asked a plumber to televise the line so we can see what the problem may be. Attempts have been made at trying to get line unplugged but have not been totally successful. It is felt that the problem may be at the main sewer line located in alley.
- 8) There have been complaints of a couple residences in town and a vacant lot that are not being mowed. The owner of the vacant lot has already been billed once for the City mowing the lot and it will be mowed again by the City and the owner billed again. The owners of the residences will be sent out Nuisance letters regarding the condition of their properties.
- 9) Past Due water bills were discussed. The past due accounts this month are as follows:
 - Dustin Erickson – 18 days past due
 - Jerome Gustin – 18 days past due
 - Brendan Ingram – 18 days past due
 - Michael Jacobson – 18 days past due
 - Cory Phelps – 18 days past due
 - Kristine Royal – over 90 days past due
 - Sarah's M&M Grocery – 18 days past due
 - Pat Selby – Over 60 days past due

Carol Stafford – 18 days past due
Jessica Wanzek – over 12 months past due

10) L. Erickson stated that the Fire Department is burning down the building located next to Fire Hall this weekend.

11) Correspondence was reviewed. A Contract was received from the State for laboratory services. This was signed by Mayor Heidorn and will be returned to the State. No other action was taken.

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 8:05 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor