

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on June 8, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. at the Page City Auditorium with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke, Lucas Erickson and Chris Erickson present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by L. Erickson and second by C. Erickson to approve the May 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 - \$51.43; John Deere Financial - \$64.28; Payroll Taxes - \$123.93; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$823.40; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Midwest Pest Control - \$84.00; Sarah's M&M Grocery - \$27.78; ND League of Cities - \$33.93; Teresa Heidorn (May Labor) - \$570.00; ERCU Visa - \$439.18 (Amazon - \$229.57; Menards - \$137.87; Handy Hardware - \$23.63; Runnings - \$48.11.) **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,383.55; Otter Tail Power Company - \$313.47; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,378.65; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,748.38; Payroll Taxes - \$148.82; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$197.00; ND One Call - \$7.20; Pollardwater - \$108.62; ERCU Visa - \$52.70 (Post Office). Motion by Nitschke and second by L. Erickson to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY'S REPORT – Deputy Longlet was not present for the meeting and no report was submitted.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) At the last Council meeting the annual service done to the Lift Station by ND Sewage Pump Lift Station Service Company was reviewed and discussed. It was recommended that the City consider a hot block in the well to help break up grease. Heidorn stated that he discussed this with ND Sewage and the Hot Block is approximately \$150.00 so advised them to install this. It was also noted during the servicing that there was a broken handle on the valve pit hatch and the #1 Gate Valve was difficult to turn. The Council reviewed a Quotation from the ND Sewage Pump Lift Station Service Company in the amount of \$3,700.00 (\$3,615.00 for the removal and replacement of #1 Gate Valve and \$85.00 for valve pit hatch handle replacement). Motion by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to approve the quote as presented in the amount of \$3,700.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Heidorn also stated that the dikes between the cells at the lagoon are beginning to erode and will be talking with Moore Engineering or a representative from North Dakota Rural Water Association to inspect the dikes to see what needs to be done.

- 2) The 2019 Drinking Water Quality Report has been completed and is available for review. Copies are not mailed to each water user. A notice will be placed in the City newsletter and also in the Cass County Reporter that it is available from the City Auditor for review and copies are also available at Hometown Community Bank, Sarah's M&M Grocery, Elm River Credit Union and the Post Office. The 2019 Drinking Water Quality Report can also be viewed on the City website.
- 3) An application for a building permit was received from the Page Fire District for the construction of a 70' x 70' steel building on the lot just north of the current Fire Hall. The estimated value of the proposed work is \$200,000. Motion by Bankers and second by Nitschke to approve the building permit application. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) A letter was received from Frame Lighting, Inc. outlining the cost to recondition the 10 snowflake pole-mounted frames which were purchased from them in 2009. The fee for this reconditioning will be \$175.00 per frame. They would need to know prior to September 1st if the City would like to have these done so as to assure completion by November 1st. Motion by Nitschke and second by L. Erickson to have the Snowflake frames done. Motion carried unanimously. If we wish to have Frame Lighting pick up the frames and deliver rebuilt frames to the City an additional cost of \$150.00 would be added. Heidorn stated that he could deliver and pick up the completed frames to save this fee.

A discussion was also had on the condition of the banners. Several banners are in bad shape and some are no longer usable. The auditor will check out prices for new banners and present at a later meeting.

- 5) It has been noticed that a property which has had the water turned off at the curbsstop has had some water usage. Heidorn stated that he has purchased a lockbox to be placed on the curbsstop which should prevent anyone from attempting to turn the water on at the curbsstop. This will hopefully be installed today. This property also needs to be mowed and cleaned up. A lengthy discussion was had on how to proceed with this problem. A nuisance letter was sent out previously regarding this property but due to the Covid-19 issue a meeting with the resident was not accomplished. It was decided to have another Nuisance Letter served and hopefully get the resident to meet with the Council to resolve the issues regarding this property.
- 6) Heidorn stated that the plants in the west Welcome Sign on 5th Street and at the Auditorium and RV Park were donated by Teresa Heidorn. Marilyn Henderson is again doing the Welcome Sign on south Morton Avenue. The Council gives a big thank you to Teresa and Marilyn for the beautiful flowers.
- 7) The small tractor is in need of a medium mount mower deck instead of the 3 point mower that is currently on this tractor. Heidorn stated that he would like to look into trading the current mower and the broom which is not used in on the new mower deck. He will check on prices and inform the Council.
- 8) Election Day is tomorrow. The Council would like to thank Natalie Nitschke for her last few years of service on the Council as she had decided not to re-run for her Council seat. Thank you Natalie!!
- 9) The camper in the RV Park was again discussed. The auditor will again contact the owner to inform him this must be removed immediately. Charges will begin accruing at the normal RV Park rental fee immediately.
- 10) Past Due water and sewer accounts were discussed. Past Due accounts this month are as follows:

Pam Belling – over 30 days past due
Bobby Bergfield – 19 days past due
Jeremy Duncan – 19 days past due
Jim & Chari Dunn – over 60 days past due
Dustin Erickson – Over 30 days past due

Jerome Gustin – 19 days past due
Lance Iwen – over 90 days past due
Post Office – over 30 days past due
Cory Phelps – 19 days past due
Kristine Royal – over 120 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 Organizational meeting of the Page City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 a.m. and the next regular Council meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor