

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on March 9, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke, Lucas Erickson and Chris Erickson present. Deputy Longlet was also present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by L. Erickson and second by Bankers to approve the February 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) - \$78.96; BEK Communications - \$20.01; John Deere Financial - \$1,043.10; Payroll Taxes - \$86.29; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$1,382.47; Workforce Safety & Insurance - \$574.79; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Cass County Reporter - \$218.76; Clifford Farmers Elevator - \$350.30; Teresa Heidorn (February labor) - \$78.00; Sarah's M&M Grocery - \$48.94; ND League of Cities (Municipal Law Book) - \$170.00; ERCU Visa - \$364.27 (Menards - \$210.14; Page Oil - \$31.50; Post Office - \$19.60; Wal-Mart - \$103.03.) **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,367.76; Otter Tail Power Company - \$407.64; Cass Rural Water Users - \$1,456.00; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1207.00; Payroll Taxes - \$101.89; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$125.00; ERCU Visa - \$26.95 (Post Office). After discussion, the portion of the John Deere Financial bill in the amount of \$8,626.83 that pertains to major tractor repairs will be paid as follows: Construction Account \$5,000.00 and Sales Tax Streets Account - \$3,626.83. 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 his monthly report. There were two calls for service in February (1 fraud call and 1 call for a barking dog).

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Heidorn stated that he has a meeting with Superintendent Callendar this morning at 9:00 at the school regarding their request to have a water line to the Bus Barn. It is hoped to put this off until April when ground conditions will be somewhat better.
- 2) The Auditor stated that an inspection report was received from the State regarding the City Landfill which showed no concerns. A Burn Permit was issued in January which is good for 60 days. The Auditor has requested an extension since the road to the Landfill is still impassable.
- 3) A request from Page Ambulance Service was received asking for sponsors for their Annual French Toast breakfast served during Page Community Days which is to raise funds for equipment, training and other expenses needed to keep the ambulance service prepared for emergency and transport calls. Motion by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to donate \$100.00 to the Page Ambulance Service. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) The Tax Equalization Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- 5) Mayor Heidorn presented correspondence received from Cass County Commissioners regarding Flood Risk Reduction Projects funded with the Cass County sales tax. The Council discussed the possibility of requesting funds next year for a project to pump water from the East Ditch and also control water in the South ball field. A rough estimate for these projects would be \$75,000 to \$80,000. Motion by Bankers and second by Nitschke to have Mayor Heidorn get at least two estimates for these projects and present to Council when available. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) The problem of the excessive number of stray cats was discussed. The Council decided it may be necessary to inform residents that the feeding of these stray cats should be discouraged as it increases the problem and also attracts raccoons and skunks.
- 7) Bankers asked if the Auditorium sidewalk could be fixed this spring. L. Erickson stated that he would see if this could get on EEE's schedule. It is hoped this could be completed before Community Days. Heidorn stated that it may be a good idea to contract Pro-Sweep to come in before Community Days to have all the City streets thoroughly swept and cleaned. Motion by Nitschke and second by Bankers to have Pro-Sweep scheduled to have this done before Community Days in June. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8) Past Due water bills were discussed. Two accounts will be notified that unless payment is received before Tuesday of next week services will be turned off.

The past due accounts this month are as follows:

Pam Belling – 18 days past due  
Jim & Chari Dunn – over 60 days past due  
Dustin Erickson – over 60 days past due  
Jerome Gustin – 18 days past due  
Keagan Haas – 18 days past due  
Ken Hubbard – 18 days past due  
Lance Iwen – over 90 days past due  
Nathan Nelson – 18 days past due  
Rodney Peterson – 18 days past due  
Corey Phelps – over 30 days past due  
Kristine Royal – over 90 days past due  
Carol Stafford – over 60 days past due  
Joshua Stinglin – 18 days past due  
David Tomperi - 18 days past due

- 9) Will Butler and Brett Steele of Midcontinent Communications were present at the meeting to discuss the renewal of the Franchise Agreement with Midcontinent Communications which will expire in 2021. Midcontinent will prepare a new Franchise Agreement and present to the Council for any questions or concerns. Once the Final Ordinance is prepared regarding the Franchise Agreement it will be scheduled for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Steele also advised the Council that Midcontinent does have grants available for any not for profit organizations. If there is any interest, they should check out Midcontinent's website.

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson  
City Auditor