

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on October 14, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke, Chris Erickson and Lucas Erickson present. Justin Hall of Moore Engineering and Deputy Longlet were also present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by L. Erickson and second by Nitschke to approve the September 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) - \$72.30; BEK Communications - \$165.29; John Deere Financial - \$445.35; Payroll Taxes - \$128.75; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$896.48; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Teresa Heidorn (September labor) - \$633.00; Cass County Reporter - \$312.66; ERCU Visa - \$449.31 (Macs – 182.74; Sam’s Club - \$13.08; Office Depot - \$93.51; Deluxe Checks - \$159.98). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,317.41; Otter Tail Power Company – \$137.46; Cass Rural Water Users - \$3,351.08; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,038.38; Payroll Taxes - \$89.01; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$125.00; ND Chemistry Lab - \$198.60; ND One Call - \$201.60; Return of meter fee - \$76.62; ERCU Visa - \$305.89 (Post Office – 52.40; Office Depot - \$93.50; Deluxe Checks - \$159.99). **REPAIR & MAINTENANCE WATER ACCOUNT:** H & H Coatings - \$3,150.00 (Water Tower Maintenance). **CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT:** Northstar Safety, Inc. - \$1,860.00 (Painting of center line on Morton Avenue.) **STREET IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT:** Starion Bonds - \$29,290.00 (Interest payment on street bonds.) Motion by C. Erickson and second by Bankers 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 September. One was a medical call and the other was an alarm at a local business which was a door not properly secured.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Justin Hall of Moore Engineering was present at the meeting to give an update on street project. Some chip loss is expected and it looks like the chip seal was good. Due to the previous defective work there is another one year correction period so an inspection will be done in the spring before the end of the correction period. A lengthy discussion was held on Moore Engineering’s Invoice #21581 in the amount of \$16,803.05 with Justin Hall explaining some of the line items. The Council is concerned about the large amount for engineering fees on the defective work. Hall will discuss this with Brandon Oye at Moore Engineering to see if any adjustments can be made. A more detailed explanation of all the charges will be emailed to the Auditor to be given to the Council. Payment of invoice will be held until more information is received.
- 2) Fall Clean Up Week – There were a few issues with Clean Up week with tires being put into the roll-offs which is not allowed and also a couple air conditioners with Freon not removed which is also not allowed. Some computer equipment was also found. These items were removed from the roll-offs. A discussion was had on how to better police the roll-offs so these issues do not arise. Next fall appliances may be picked up at curbside and there will be a charge for any appliances with Freon. Residents have been asked to please pay attention to the items NOT allowed in the roll-offs. If abuses continue, it is possible this convenience may need to be discontinued.

- 3) Medora Musical – The dinner and show is scheduled for December 21st at the Page Elementary School. The Committee is applying for a grant to purchase more chairs for the event and also asked the Council for the use of the auditorium tables and chairs which was approved.
- 4) Lift Station/Lagoon – The Lift Station pumps are still working several hours a day and the lagoon cells are becoming extremely full. A discharge may be necessary. Residents have been asked to make sure sump pumps are being drained outside and NOT in the sanitary sewer system. The Auditor will call today to get more information on the proper way to prepare the lagoon for discharge.
- 5) Water Tower – The routine maintenance and inspection of the water tower was done by H & H Coatings recently and everything looked good. The Council reviewed the report and pictures that were submitted by H & H Coatings.
- 6) RV Park – There are 6 units currently in the park and all may be here into December. A discussion was had on the condition of the grounds which is being torn up badly by vehicles in and out due to the large amounts of rain and snow. The Council is unsure of what can be done with this problem at this time and discussed perhaps next spring putting in a gravel road through the park to hopefully eliminate this problem occurring again.
- 7) Bankers stated that a request has been made to trim the trees and bushes at the corner of 5th Street and Hanna Avenue as they interfere with traffic. This will be done as soon as possible.
- 8) Heidorn has stated that a request has also been made to lay a pipe in a deep ditch along Hanna Avenue to assist in the removal of water so ditch can be mowed properly. A cost share with EEE, Inc. was discussed. Council will look at getting estimates for this and will discuss again once estimates are received.
- 9) A “Welcome Packet” for new residents was discussed which would help answer any questions new residents may have. Bankers agreed to develop this and present to the Council.
- 10) Correspondence was reviewed.
- 11) Past Due water bills were discussed. The past due accounts this month are as follows:
 - Pam Belling – 24 days past due
 - Jim & Chari Dunn – 24 days past due
 - Dustin Erickson – 24 days past due
 - Jerome Gustin – over 30 days past due
 - Lance Iwen – 24 days past due
 - Cory Phelps – Over 30 days past due
 - Jeremy Ritter – 24 days past due
 - Kristine Royal – over 90 days past due
 - Carol Stafford – 24 days past due

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by C Erickson and second by Bankers to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor