

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on September 14, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. at the Page City Office with Jim Heidorn, Chris Erickson, Sarah Ritter and Eryn Jager present. Lucas Erickson was absent. Deputy Longlet and two other guests were also present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by C. Erickson and second by Jager to approve the August 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 - \$49.58; John Deere Financial - \$186.98; Payroll Taxes - \$141.15; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$925.37 City Auditor - \$1,123.50 (Monthly salary); Sarah's M&M Grocery. - \$6.54; DB Electric (RV Park) - \$321.00; Ihry Insurance - \$3,319.00; Teresa Heidorn (August Labor) - \$721.50; Display Sales (Banners) - \$1,126.00; ERCU Visa - \$598.34: (Office Depot - \$109.04; Runnings - \$155.82; Menards - \$333.48. **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,383.55; Otter Tail Power Company - \$189.06; Cass Rural Water Users - \$3,521.70; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$1,621.87; Payroll Taxes - \$136.43; City of Fargo - \$110.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$161.42; ND One Call - \$9.60; Clifford Coop Elevator (Lift Station) - \$210.53; ERCU Visa - \$262.26 (Post Office - \$26.95; Office Depot - \$109.04; Tractor Supply - \$126.27). Motion by Jager and second by C. Erickson to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY'S REPORT – Deputy Longlet presented his report for August. There were 5 calls for service involving 2 public assists, 2 welfare checks and 1 medical. One of the public assists was to assist Cass County Weed Control as they sprayed a yard in town. Cass County is updating its alert system and switching to Cass Clay Alerts. Deputy Longlet distributed brochures to the Council regarding this alert system and stated he would also be posting this information in the community. He also reported that there have been some speeding complaints and extra patrols will be around.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Moore Engineering – GIS WebMap. Heidorn stated that he gave up on replacing the blue flags to assist Moore Engineering in locating curb stops, etc. for the city mapping and called Moore Engineering to tell them that they could begin. Moore Engineering was not present at the meeting but Invoice #24652 in the amount of \$777.50 was received from them for work on City mapping. Motion by C. Erickson and second by Ritter to pay this invoice as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) The Franchise Renewal for Midcontinent Communications was placed on the agenda for this meeting but the representative from Midcontinent did not show up. Auditor will contact them to see if they want to be placed on the October agenda.
- 3) Joy Callendar was present at the meeting to request a location to hold some Worship meetings. She had thought about the Catholic Church but was advised that this would not be heated and also is not handicap accessible. The use of the Auditorium was suggested and this was agreeable with Callendar and the Council approved the request. She was advised to contact the Auditor or Sarah Ritter to schedule a day and time for these services.
- 4) Pennie Ellingson, representing the Page Housing Development, was present at the meeting to discuss the financial condition of the Page Housing 16-plex. There have been some major sewer backup issues in one building (which have since been resolved) but Page Manor Housing has fallen behind on some financial obligations due to these backup issues and other unforeseen maintenance issues. With the decreased occupancy it has become difficult to keep up with getting apartments ready for

rental. The Housing has been without a caretaker and has just received the resignation from the current Manager which will be effective October 1st. The Board of Directors is currently being re-structured with more members and Judy Johnson will be hired as the new manager. Ellingson stated that it is the hope of the Board to increase membership in the Page Housing Development and increase Community involvement and to once again hold annual meetings. The Board feels that having affordable housing is important to our Community and is requesting some financial assistance from the City in order to complete repairs to some apartment units and increase the occupancy rate which is currently at 50%. Pennie Ellingson thanked the City Council for their time. The Council proceeded to have a lengthy discussion regarding this situation. A motion was made by C. Erickson and a second by Ritter to give a \$5,000 grant to the Page Housing Development stating that any further assistance would be tabled until the next meeting after seeing what has been accomplished in one month. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Heidorn stated that he strongly opposes the Council's decision.

- 5) The Final Budgets for the City of Page and the Page Park District were reviewed by the Council. As there was no one present at the meeting with any questions or concerns regarding the Budgets, a motion was made by Jager and a second by Ritter to adopt the Final Budget for the City of Page and the Final Budget for the Page Park District as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Fall Clean-up Week has been confirmed for September 24 to October 1st.
- 7) Correspondence was reviewed. No action taken.
- 8) C. Erickson stated that work has begun on the Fire Hall and asked if the City would have any objection to the Fire Department having work done on the sidewalk on north side and redoing the curb at the corner. The City Council approved the request.
- 9) Heidorn stated that he would need some assistance in loading up the compost pile as soon as fall work is completed by residents. C Erickson stated that he would assist in getting this done. Heidorn also suggested that Jager contact the Park Board and make sure the Concession Stand is cleaned and ready to be winterized. This will be done shortly after October 1st.
- 10) Past Due water and sewer accounts were discussed. Past Due accounts this month are as follows:
 - Bobby Bergfield – 21 days past due
 - Jim & Chari Dunn – over 30 days past due
 - Dustin Erickson – over 30 days past due
 - Ken Hubbard – 21 days past due
 - Lance Iwen – over 120 days past due
 - Carol Stafford – 21 days past due
 - David Tomperi – over 30 days past due
 - Michael Warren – 21 days past due

There being no further business brought before the Council motion was made by C. Erickson and second by Jager to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor