

The regular meeting of the Page City Council was held on September 9, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. with Jim Heidorn, Julie Bankers, Natalie Nitschke, Chris Erickson and Lucas Erickson present. Mayor Heidorn opened the meeting.

Motion by Bankers and second by Nitschke 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 - \$93.28; Waste Management (Park) - \$76.67; BEK Communications - \$166.32; John Deere Financial - \$536.07; Payroll Taxes - \$150.54; Otter Tail Power Co. - \$824.78; City Auditor - \$1,050.00 (Monthly salary); Teresa Heidorn (August labor) - \$918.00; Cass County Reporter - \$195.32; Page Oil (Auditorium Fuel Oil) - \$1,085.46; Ihry Insurance - \$2,484.00; Tom & Michelle Johnson (clean up of city lot) - \$400.00; ERCU Visa - \$144.97 (Menards -\$48.32; Sam's Club - \$12.88; Tractor Supply - \$21.38; Page Oil - \$30.75; Norton (Virus Protection) - \$31.64). **WATER & SEWER:** Waste Management - \$1,317.41; Otter Tail Power Company - \$158.25; Cass Rural Water Users - \$3,362.45; Jim Heidorn (City Maintenance) - \$2,023.50; Payroll Taxes - \$166.20; City of Fargo - \$14.00; Judy Johnson (W&S Labor) - \$149.00; Steve Petersen Construction - \$1,509.41; Post Office - \$26.20; ERCU Visa - \$150.98 (Post Office - 19.95; Handy Hardware - \$98.19; Smith Lumber - \$32.84). The return of a meter fee to a resident on his two properties which he has sold was discussed. The one property's meter fee will be returned less two weeks of current usage. The other property's meter fee will be returned less the amount still owing from his tenant in the amount of \$32.75 Motion by L. Erickson and second by C. Erickson to approve Auditor's Report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPUTY'S REPORT – Deputy Longlet was unable to attend this month's meeting but he did email his July and August reports. There were 4 calls for service in July which included a "hit & run" outside the grocery store, an animal call and two false alarms at the bank and a domestic call. There were 2 calls for service in August which included a pursuit of a motorcyclist from the Fargo area into the general area of Page which resulted in a code red to be sent out to the area.

The following items were discussed:

- 1) Moore Engineering was not present at the meeting. Invoice #21581 in the amount of \$16,803.05 from Moore Engineering was reviewed again by the Council. The Council feels they need a better explanation for the fees on this invoice as it pertains to the defective work done on the streets. Motion by C. Erickson and second by Bankers to hold payment of this invoice until Moore Engineering is present at a meeting to explain the charges on this invoice. Motion carried unanimously. It is also felt that the streets need to be swept one more time to clean up loose pea rock left from the chip seal. Moore Engineering will be contacted regarding this.
- 2) The Final Budgets for the City of Page and the Page Park District were reviewed. Motion by Nitschke and second by C. Erickson to adopt the Final Budget for the City of Page. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by L. Erickson and second by Nitschke to adopt the Final Budget for the Page Park District. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Clean up week has been scheduled for September 26 to October 3. Waste Management will be dropping off a 30 yard roll-off for miscellaneous items and also a 20 yard roll-off or trailer for the disposal of appliances which must be freon free.

- 4) A building permit submitted by a resident for the addition of a fence to his backyard was reviewed and a building permit submitted by a resident for the addition of a garage to his property was also reviewed. Motion by C. Erickson and second by L. Erickson to approve both building permits. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) The Auditor stated that she has been contacted by Otter Tail Power Company advising the City that when the bulbs for the street lights are replaced when burnt out, they will be replaced by LEDs.
- 6) The Auditor also advised the Council that it is expected that three more units will be arriving at the RV park within the next two weeks that will be staying until about mid-November.
- 7) Correspondence was reviewed.
- 8) It was decided that there are two properties in town that require mowing. This will be done by the City and one will be billed out again to the property owner. The other property will be mowed also but it is not expected that payment for mowing will be received.
- 9) Nitschke stated that the Park Board has cleaned out the concessions building and will be ready for the water to be turned off and it to be winterized and closed up by the end of the month. Heidorn stated that this will get done about the last weekend of September and also the dumpster will be moved from the ball diamond area across the street to the RV Park area for the convenience of the campers in the RV Park.
- 10) L. Erickson stated that a resident has approached him about a hole in his yard that he would like to get filled. Heidorn stated that he is aware of this and will assist the resident in getting this hole filled.
- 11) C. Erickson stated that the dumpground is almost ready to be burned. He thought one weekend should be all he needs to get it done if we can get a dry weekend. The Burn Permit application will be submitted as soon as required signatures are obtained.
- 12) Bankers was inquiring as to when the auditorium sidewalk will be repaired. L. Erickson stated that it is hoped to get this completed by end of September or first part of October.
- 13) The City Council would like to thank Jason and Jody Mewes of J & J Farms, Inc. for posting their sweet corn patch on the south side of 1st Street as available to anyone who would like to pick some sweet corn for themselves. THANK YOU!

The City Council would also like to thank the volunteers from Our Savior Lutheran Church and Sunday School for lending a "helping hand" yesterday in cleaning up branches and twigs in residents' yards and assisting in cleaning up City property and the park by picking up branches and twigs, etc. Their help was very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

- 14) Heidorn stated that he and the Auditor attended a Pre-Construction conference on August 26th with Finley Engineering and BEK Communications regarding the laying of fiber optics in town.

15) Heidorn also stated that the City Shop is in need of a bolt bin which can be purchased at Mac's Hardware for a reasonable price to organize all the bolts, etc. needed for various projects. Council approved this purchase.

16) Past Due water bills were discussed. The past due accounts this month are as follows:

Pam Belling – over 30 days past due
Jerome Gustin – 20 days past due
Patrick Lindseth – 20 days past due
Cory Phelps – 20 days past due
Kristine Royal – over 90 days past due
Carol Stafford – 20 days past due

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 8:00 a.m. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 AM.

Judy L. Johnson
City Auditor