City of Taylor, North Dakota

November 9, 2020 at 6:07 pm.

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Emory Vaagen.

Council Members present: Travis Christensen, Coree Hofland and Melissa Gjermundson.

Visitors; Stark County Student Resource Officer- Megan Wenisch, Ryan Oberhelman-NDGF, Justin Gordon, Ike Morrell, Russ Myran, Nick Songer, Imee Songer, Jared Hofland, Jenni Martin, Deb Vaagen, Brett Gjermundson, Travis Sabrowsky, Jeremy Wood-Northern Plains Engineering, Ryan Berger, Chad Skager, Ron Luff, Kevin Zillich, Amber Gordon, Jessie Fricks, Perry Zillich, Kellen Wolf, Ryan Rebel, and Ross Rebel.

The minutes of the October 19, 2020 City Council meeting were approved as read.

Jeremy Wood, Northern Plains Engineering, was present to discuss FEMA infrastructure and building grant. This grant would be applied for a general at the lift station. A benefit/cost report will need to be completed. The number of power outages and the length of each outage information will also need to be collected.

Several applicants will be interviewed this week regarding the auditor’s position.

Ryan Oberhelman, NDGF, presented an in-town archery option for problems regarding wild turkeys. Travis Christensen moved to have Mr. Oberhelman facilitate the contacting of area fall archery turkey tag holders, seconded by Melissa Gjermundson. Travis Christensen-aye, Melissa Gjermundson-aye, Coree Hofland-nay, MC.

Taylor Park Board was present giving an update of projects they are working on. Trap Shooting concerns regarding level of decibels, safety issues, and home property value changes were discussed. Ron Luff gave a brief report on how safely the gun is handled during the events. Melissa Gjermundson recommended checking with North Dakota Century Code and having a community informational meeting. She also had concerns with the trap shooting going forward without City Board approval, being the events are within city limits and on City owned property. Mayor Vaagen tabled the trapshooting discussion. Ice skating rink at the tennis court was discussed. The Park Board has purchased a 50X80 liner to protect the concrete. A waiver has been drawn up, waving the City of Taylor’s liability regarding accidents.

Kellen Wolf requested the use of an old building within city limits to use as a house fire training project for the Taylor fire department. Mayor Vaagen asked him and Ryan Rebel-Taylor Rural Fire Chief to have an asbestos abatement in place.

Travis Christensen moved to approve a Taylor Lion’s Raffle Permit for a rifle, seconded by Melissa Gjermundson, MC

Coree Hofland met with Reid Vaagen regarding the maintenance job description. Mr. Vaagen was unclear on who reads the water meters. In the past it has been done by the auditor. Auditor Aune stated the she took over that responsibility a few years ago. The new auditor will be asked if she/he will accept that responsibility.

Todd Jores was contacted regarding a water tower grant in the future. The possibility of FEMA paying up to 65%, ND Water Commission paying 30%, with a City share of 5% of the total cost of a water tower is going to be looked into for 2021.

October financial report was approved as read.

Coree Hofland moved to approve the November bills, seconded by Travis Christensen. MC

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| **GENERAL** | 8763-64 | Payroll | $3,035.00  |
|  | 8765 | Richardton Merchant | $22.88  |
|  | 8766 | MDU | $115.73  |
|  | 8767 | Consolidated Telcom | $49.63  |
|  | 8768 | Newby's Ace | $85.58  |
|  | 8769 | Postmaster | $420.00  |
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| **HIWAY** | 8766 | MDU | $101.07  |
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| **Opera House** | 8766 | MDU | $186.40  |
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| **WATER** | 8766 | MDU | $210.92  |
|  | 8770 | SW Water | $2,539.85  |
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| **SEWER** |   |   |   |
|  | 8766 | MDU | $101.62  |
|  | 8771 | Pump Systems | $1,174.54  |
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| **GARBAGE** | 8772 | MGM Sanitation | $4,046.04  |

The next regular City council meeting will be January 11, 2021 at 6:00pm.

SW District Juvenile Court sent an impact statement regarding damage to a sign.

Melissa Gjermundson moved to adjourn at 8:23 pm seconded by Travis Christensen. MC

Emory Vaagen, Mayor Lisa Aune, Auditor