City of Taylor, North Dakota

October 19, 2020 at 6:03 pm.

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

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

Visitors; Stark County Student Resource Officer- Megan Wenisch, Brett Gjermundson, Jason Morel, Justin Gordon, Ruth Prouty and Deb Dohrmann.

The minutes of the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting were approved as read.

The minutes of the Special City Council meeting on September 22, 2020 were approved as read.

Ruth Prouty and Deb Dorhmann, representing the Grandvale 4-H Club, gave two proposed ideas for shrubbery/flowers in front of the Opera House. One proposal would cost $667.00 and a more reserved proposal would be $245.00. They are asking the City to purchase the supplies and the Club would design and maintain the area. The Council stated they would discuss it and get back to the 4-H Club. Ruth Prouty asked on behalf of Jim Breum where the cedar posts are located from the fence on Main Street. Mayor Vaagen is not sure what happened to them.

Jason Morel and Justin Gordon introduced themselves to the Council and asked if they could be of help. The Council thanked them and gave them information for the next park board meeting.

Jason Morel discussed the possibility of working with the City with stray animals. He has a dog kennel on his property outside of City limits.

Megan Wenisch, Stark County Sheriff Department, gave the monthly report. Area burglaries have been solved.

Lift station hole has been covered by Pump Systems.

Justin Krueger has been contacted regarding street patching at four spots in Taylor. Two spots are on Dagnault Ave, one is on 1st Street, and another is on Ertel Ave.

Pipe Detectives will be in Taylor this month to repair four areas they found that need repaired.

Community Clean-up was discussed. The first weekend resulted in 1.5 containers full. The second weekend resulted in a half container full. Council discussed future Clean-up days.

Melissa Gjermundson moved to amend last month’s motion to table sending Charlie Lorne, owner of 15 2nd Street East, a letter regarding the property clean-up and safety issue until further discussion on November 9, 2020 City Council Meeting. Seconded by Travis Christensen. MC

Noxious weeds were discussed. Melissa Gjermundson moved to table sending out letters and spraying noxious weeds until spring due to early frost. Seconded by Coree Hofland. MC

Grandvale 4-H Club request was tabled.

Coree Hofland moved to transfer $60,000 from the General Fund to the Opera House Fund, seconded by Daryl Jurgens. MC

Daryl Jurgens moved to adopt the Stark County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Melissa Gjermundston. MC

City Council discussed inviting Jeremy Wood, the City Engineer, to the next Council meeting regarding FEMA grant money available for infrastructure improvements. Deadline for this application is December 31, 2020.

Auditor Aune addressed the City Council regarding job descriptions. She went over duties of the Auditor, Council, Mayor, and Maintain Position. With the new roles being given in the last election, it has been unclear where spending authority lies. Auditor Aune addressed the over spending of the 2020 budget. North Dakota League of Cities and the Western Dakota Energy Association has recommended improvement projects should be delayed or postponed for 2020 and in to 2021.

Auditor Aune addressed the responsibilities of the Council on knowing their portfolios well. In doing so, they can make informative recommendations and motions. Council members discussed writing their own portfolio descriptions down. Mayoral responsibilities and liberties were addressed. Auditor Aune explained the liberties of spending lies within the Council. In order for the Mayor to do his duties, the Council need to know their responsibilities so the roles are not confused.

Coree Hofland and Daryl Jurgens agreed to meet with Reid Vaagen regarding the maintenance job description.

Melissa Gjermundson moved to accept Auditor Aune’s resignation, seconded by Travis Christensen. Coree Hofland- Aye, Melissa Gjermundson- aye, Travis Christensen-aye, Darylr Jurgens, nay. MC

Melissa Gjermundson moved to advertise the Auditor position on the City of Taylor website, the Richardton Merchant and at Job Service with a deadline of Nov, 11, 2020, seconded by Travis Christensen. MC Interview committee will be Travis Christensen, Coree Hofland, and Auditor Aune.

September financial report was approved as read.

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

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| **GENERAL** | 8736-42 | Payroll | $4,126.53  |
|  | 8743 | Richardton Merchant | $64.05  |
|  | 8744 | MDU | $84.21  |
|  | 8744 | MDU | $26.23  |
|  | 8745 | Consolidated Telcom | $49.63  |
|  | 8746 | PMT Tree Service | $6,766.42  |
|  | 8747 | Parking Lot Perfections | $500.00  |
|  | 8749 | SBM | $226.81  |
|  | 8750 | Newby's Ace Hardware | $148.96  |
|  | 8751 | Lisa Aune | $142.79  |
|  | 8752 | Doug Schneider | $100.00  |
|  | 8753 | Brenden Cox | $100.00  |
|  | 8755 | Cenex | $21.04  |
|  | 8756 | IRS | $2,112.34  |
| **2016 Street Spec.** | 8748 | Starion Bond Services | $2,402.50  |
| **HIWAY** | 8744 | MDU | $90.18  |
|  | 8762 | Jurgen's Operating | $375.00  |
| **Opera House** | 8744 | MDU | $80.68  |
|  | 8754 | TCA | $300.00  |
| **WATER** | 8744 | MDU | $237.74  |
|  | 8757 | SW Water | $4,334.00  |
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|  | 8758 | Pump Systems | $715.99  |
| **SEWER** | 8744 | MDU | $93.72  |
|  | 8759 | SWDHU | $40.00  |
|  | 8760 | ND State Chemistry Lab | $251.58  |
| **GARBAGE** | 8761 | MGM Sanitation | $3,268.00  |
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The next regular City council meeting will be November 9, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Melissa Germundson read a statement regarding Mayor Vaagen’s inappropriate and unprofessional treatment toward her at the September 22, 2020 special City Council Meeting. Mayor Vaagen apologized.

Melissa Gjermundson moved to adjourn at 9:29 pm seconded by Travis Christensen. MC

Emory Vaagen, Mayor Lisa Aune, Auditor