**City of Taylor, North Dakota – June 12, 2023**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Vaagen at 6:05PM

Council Members present: Daryl Jurgens, Melissa Gjermundson, Mark Sloop, and Ross Rebel

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Jurgens. MCU

The Council reviewed the May 08 regular City Council meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Jurgens, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

**Visitors:**

* Kevin and Kathy Krank **–** They are purchasing three lots from Perry Zillich to move in a trailer house and build a garage. His concern, aside from the water and sewer line, is that the mobile home is a 2002 double wide trailer. The council wants the Kranks to secure building permit and submit photos of the trailer house for review.
* Gayle Elkins – Came to listen to the City Council meeting.
* The Taylor Trap Club (led by Jason Morrell) - Seeks to renew and add more years on their lease for them to apply for grants and get organization donations. They are looking for a 30-year lease. Also, they want to bring awareness to the “shot fall” radius. Based on the documents they presented, they want to lease Block 47 to Block 52. Block 52 being the “safe zone”. Amber Gordon to send a copy of the insurance to City of Taylor email address. Councilwoman Gjermundson suggested to have a lawyer look at leasing for long term. City Auditor Lisa Aune will post the Taylor Trap Club agenda on Richardton Merchant for public comment, to be discussed on next month meeting.

**Old Business:**

AJ Tuck of Moore Engineering made a presentation and gave four water connection option handouts: pressure reducing valve by clear well (dynamic pressure), pressure reducing valve by clear well, pressure reducing valve by tower, pressure reducing valve by East Subdivision

Model 1: shows dynamic pressure or water that is moving. The city has adequate water pressure.

Model 2: from the water tower to the clear well the water pressure is 183 gallons per minute, but the flow is restricted by the 3-inch line. For fire flow he recommends 500 gallons/minute for residential area.

Model 3: with the valve up by the tower, the outside nodes on the edge of town has more water pressure. Connecting directly into a 4-inch line down in Main Street, bringing 8-inch line into town which has more capacity therefore there’s more water to be use.

Model 4: The valve is on the East Subdivision connected in the tower thru the existing 12-inch line of Southwest Water. A two 6-inch connection from the valve will supply water to town. It’s minimum pipe to go into the ground (30 feet) and all the water connections across town increase.

Tuck also discussed the lift station and lagoons issues: how to keep water out of the lift station, put a new lift station, re-doing the lagoons. Moore Engineering will apply for grants. He will give the costs for each project on the next meeting.

**New Business**:

Park Board - Park Board members that are sworn in: Kenny Christiansen, Collin Kuntz, and Britton Paulson. They need two more board members and get organize. City Auditor Lisa Aune is willing to help them with budgeting.

Rate Study - City Auditor Lisa Aune suggested to wait for Moore Engineering final project costings and approved grants before implementing any rate increase.

**Portfolios:**

Rebel – Councilman Rebel asked the council about any plans for street clean-up and painting the curbs before The Taylor Good Ol Days event in September. Mayor Vaagen asked Councilman Rebel if he can talk to Rory Myran about hiring him for street sweeping.

Gjermundson – Councilwoman Gjermundson said Prairie Paving & Maintenance has scheduled our city in August for crack sealing.

Jurgens – Mentioned the issue with the dogs and the sheriff already took care of it.

Sloop – No report

Mayor Vaagen – Mayor Vaagen will try to get the Park Board members together for the fourth of July city display and beautification.

**Auditor’s Report**

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the May Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Rebel. MCU

City Auditor Lisa Aune reported that the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is done and available on the city website and is posted on the City Hall and Post Office.

City Auditor Lisa Aune asked the City Council permission to use the Banyan accounting software in doing the bills to be paid report instead of using Excel spreadsheet. Councilwoman Gjermundson gave the permission. Councilman Rebel moved to approve May bills to be paid, seconded by Councilman Jurgens. MCU

Cenex-$41.10, Consolidated Telcom-$103.89, DCB Insurance-$995.00, Jim’s Repair-$112.33, Jurgens Operating-$312.50, Lisa Aune-$41.54, Mackoff Kellogg Law-$55.00, MDU-$850.56, MGM-$3,636.93, Pump Systems-$2,080.00, Riteway-$211.73, Richardton Merchant-$26.25, Runnings-$32.99, Stark County Dev Corp-$100.00, Nina Wolf-$26.91, SW Water-$2,660.14, Wyatt Synnes-$86.98, Payroll-$3,551.50.

City Auditor Lisa Aune told the council that budget season is coming, and she asked the members to review the preliminary reports to be discussed on next month meeting. She mentioned that she wants to start working with Nina Wolf in doing the payroll.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

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Mayor Emory Vaagen Nina Wolf, Secretary