**City of Taylor, North Dakota – July 10, 2023**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Vaagen at 6:00PM.

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

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

The Council reviewed the June 12 regular City Council meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilman Jurgens, seconded by Councilman Rebel. MCU

**Visitors:**

* Chris and Sandra Bernhardt – They are considering moving a trailer house on their property by Linden Avenue, so they would like to know the necessary requirements. Mayor Vaagen told them to apply for a building permit and attach photos of the trailer.
* Deputy Ray Kaylor – gave report mentioning the uptick in suicide, drug overdose, and vandalism during every summer.

**Old Business:**

* Moore Engineering update – Anthony Setness was in attendance for the meeting. All projects on the State Water Development will be deferred to the February 2024 meeting. We will have to wait until December to submit our funding application. In the near term, they recommend adding a 2” bypass line within the building and we contact a local licensed plumber to do the work. AJ Tuck and Anthony Setness will meet him on site and walk him through the scope of work.
* Taylor Trap Club – Jason Morrell, Justin Gordon, Jessie Fricks, Travis Sabrosky, Amber Gordon, and Adam Ries were in attendance for the meeting. The council gave them the revised copy of the lease for their review during the meeting. The clause on the lease “Owner’s right of entry” was a cause of concern for the members of the club. Councilwoman Gjermundson wants to add a clause on the lease specifying days that the club will be open. Councilman Jurgens moved to approve the amended lease from 5 years to 30 years, motion fails for lack of second.
* Mayor Vaagen resigned as the mayor effective immediately. Councilman Jurgens took his position as President.
* Council discussed revision of the proposed Trap Club lease. A special meeting can be held to speed up the process for the Trap Club.

**New Business**:

* Gun Show at The Opera House – A project proposed by Councilman Rebel for the Good Ol Taylor Days but he can’t find a suitable venue for the event, so he told the council to disregard the project.
* 2024 Preliminary Budget – Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the 2024 Preliminary Budget, seconded by Councilman Rebel: upon roll call vote, all aye, no nay. MCU
* Snow Removal Bid Opening – Councilman Rebel moved to accept the bid from Jurgens Operating LLC, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

**Portfolios:**

Rebel – still looking for somebody to do the street clean-up before the Good Ol Taylor Days in September. He also made a report regarding low water pressure in his house, Taylor Nursery, Rebel Customs, and the Dakota Community Bank. He will call AJ Tuck or Anthony Setness of Moore Engineering to let them know of this concern. Lastly, he reported that somebody complained about broken sidewalks in town.

Gjermundson – no report

Jurgens – no report

Sloop – Midco Cable would like to attend the next city council meeting for possibly bringing their business to Taylor.

Mayor Vaagen – resigned

The council asked City Auditor Lisa Aune to send back the amended Taylor Trap Club lease to the city attorney for additional stipulations such as specific days they will be open in a week excluding make-up sessions, and meeting with the city council every 5 years for updates. City Auditor Lisa Aune will also talk to Jason Morrell and Travis Sabrosky.

Reid Vaagen also resigned as City Maintenance person effective July 31, 2023.

**Auditor’s Report:**

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the June Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

Councilman Gjermundson moved to approve June bills to be paid, seconded by Councilman Rebel. MCU

Adapco-$1,250.50, Boss Office-$178.95, Cenex-$186.05, IRS-$2,094.43, Lisa Aune-$23.42, MDU-$745.02, MGM Sanitation-$3,622.93, NDLC-$483.00, Pump Systems-$10,883.01, Richardton Merchant-$60.38, Roughrider Septic-$6,200.00, SW Water-$3,531.03, SWDHU-$50.00

City Auditor Lisa Aune needed the council to decide on another designated signature holder. Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to designate Mayor Jurgens as the signature holder, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

Next city council meeting will be on August 14, 2023, at 6:00PM.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38PM, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

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Daryl Jurgens, President Nina Wolf, Secretary