**City of Taylor, North Dakota – February 12, 2024**

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

Council Members present: Mark Sloop, Melissa Gjermundson, and Chase Hanson

Present are City Auditor Lisa Aune, Reid Vaagen and Nina Wolf.

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

The Council reviewed the January 08 regular city council meeting minutes. Councilman Sloop moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the February 04 special city council meeting minutes. Councilman Sloop moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Gjermundson. Motion carried.

**Visitors:**

Carly and Blain Lawrence, together with Travis Sabrowsky – interested in buying lots in Larsen Circle to build a house. Anthony Setness with Moore Engineering

**Old Business**

The State Water Commission approved $115,200 cost share for the design of the water main project.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve Moore Engineering’s Water and Sewer Study Amendment 1 for $180,000; adding the previously approved $37,500 bringing the total to $217,500, seconded by Councilman Sloop. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve to create Water Systems Improvement District No. 2024-1, seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to direct the engineer to create engineer’s report for Water Systems Improvement District No. 2024-1, seconded by Councilman Sloop. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the engineer’s report for Water Improvement District No. 2024-1, seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to direct the engineer to prepare detailed plans and specifications for Water Systems Improvement District No. 2024-1, seconded by Councilman Sloop. Motion carried.

Councilman Hanson moved to have Moore Engineering apply for SRF loan funding, seconded by Councilwoman Gjermundson. Motion carried.

Mayor Rebel signed the Certification of Eligibility. City Auditor Lisa Aune signed the Resolution of Governing Body of Applicant, and ACH authorization.

Moore Engineering will send out postcards with instructions for the residents regarding water service line inventory.

Moore Engineering presented the project to the Stark County Commission Meeting. They have not put any funding towards the project but were told to come back when we want ARPA funds for construction.

Larsen Circle - In relation to the Lawrences’ interest in buying lots in Larsen Circle, the council members, Travis Sabrowsky, and Anthony Setness discussed the potential of the property to be develop as another residential area. Further discussion will be needed on the next city council meeting.

Discharge Report – Reid Vaagen will take care of the report.

Maintenance Report – Reid Vaagen will provide the council quarterly maintenance report for The Opera House.

Opera House Repairs – Councilman Hanson made the motion to approve the type of flooring as presented during the meeting (Aquinnah Cliffs style in Putney Bridge color), seconded by Councilman Sloop. Motion carried.

Main Street Vibrancy Grant – The council had a discussion, and the agreed project will be hanging up of Christmas lights in Main Street. The Taylor Park Board will be tap on this project as well. Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve to have City Auditor Lisa Aune apply for the grant, seconded by Councilman Sloop. Motion carried.

Spring Workshop – It is a leadership training and networking opportunities hosted by the North Dakota League of Cities which will be held on March 19-20, 2024, in Minot. Councilwoman Gjermundson made the motion for City Auditor Lisa Aune and Nina Wolf to attend the Spring Workshop in Minot, seconded by Councilman Sloop. Motion carried.

WSI Ergonomical Grant – City Auditor Lisa Aune will apply for the grant to get funding to replace office chairs and tables.

State of Region 8 Conference – To be held on February 29, 2024, in Bowman. City council members are encouraged to attend.

Richardton After Prom Committee – Councilman Sloop made the motion to donate $500, seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motion carried.

**Portfolios:**

* Rebel/Hanson – no report
* Gjermundson – no report
* Jurgens – not in attendance
* Sloop – no report

**Auditor’s Report:**

January Financial Report – Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the January Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Sloop. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid – Councilman Sloop moved to approve January bills to be paid, seconded by Councilman Hanson. Motion carried.

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| **GENERAL** |  |  |  |
|  | 9575 | MDU | $234.99 |
|  | 9569-71 | Payroll | $3,375.00 |
|  | EFT | Consolidated | $118.51 |
|  | 9573 | Richardton Merchant | $374.00 |
|  | 9574 | Workforce Safety | $373.42 |
|  | 9575 | Banyon Data | $210.00 |
| **HIWAY** |  |  |  |
|  |  | MDU | $239.98 |
|  | 9575 | Banyon Data | $210.00 |
|  | 9576 | Frederick Repair | $1,147.43 |
| **OPERA HOUSE** |  |  |  |
|  | 9572 | MDU | $446.99 |
|  | 9577 | Western Heating and Air | $262.50 |
| **WATER** |  |  |  |
|  | 9572 | MDU | $329.96 |
|  | 9579 | SW Water | $2,884.37 |
|  | 9575 | Banyon Data | $210.00 |
|  | 9578 | SW District Health | $25.00 |
|  | ACH | DCB | $10.00 |
| **SEWER** |  |  |  |
|  | 9572 | MDU | $213.17 |
|  | 9575 | Banyon Data | $210.00 |
| **GARBAGE** |  |  |  |
|  | 9580 | MGM Sanitation | $3,690.85 |
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Every relevant correspondence has been addressed during the meeting.

Next City council meeting will be on March 11, 2024, at 6:00PM.

Councilman Sloop moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM, seconded by Councilwoman Gjermundson. Motion carried.

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Mayor Ross Rebel Nina Wolf, Secretary