**City of Taylor, North Dakota - March 11, 2024**

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

Council members present: Mark Sloop, Melissa Gjermundson, and Chase Hanson. Also present are City Auditor Lisa Aune, Reid Vaagen, and Nina Wolf.

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

The Council reviewed the February 12 regular city council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

**Visitors:** Emma Goetz - Came to the meeting to ask the council if they can use The Opera House free of charge for Kidz Kamp on July 08-12, 2024 (final date). City Auditor Lisa Aune will check the insurance. Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to allow Kidz Kamp to use The Opera House free of charge, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU

Blain and Carly Lawrence - Wanted to know if there’s any update about Larsen Circle. Mayor Rebel told them that the council will discuss it more in terms of plotting the land, and water and sewer connections. The council asked them to come back to next month’s meeting.

Deputy Ray Kaylor - Gave his report for the Stark County Sheriff Department. There was a discussion about putting up traffic signs by the school and around Taylor.

**Old Business:**

Moore Engineering - No representative from their team was present at the meeting. City Auditor Lisa Aune said they are planning to have a design meeting by late March to the first week of April and it can be presented to the council for feedback.

There was a discussion among the council about plans and concerns moving forward regarding the lagoon, sewer pump system, and lift station. The council will discuss these again with Moore Engineering at the next meeting.

Assessment/Utility Bill Project Comparison - With the upcoming projects with Moore Engineering, City Auditor Lisa Aune presented to the council the pros and cons of doing specials versus water rate increase. A Special Assessment Committee must be created if the council decides to do Specials.

Discharge Reporting - Reid Vaagen did all the reports.

Opera House Repairs - Mayor Rebel and Councilman Hanson fixed the water lines. There is running water there now. Councilman Sloop mentioned the replacement floor we ordered will be delayed. He will keep the council updated regarding this.

Reid Vaagen mentioned about crack sealing the streets and Councilman Sloop will try to call again Prairie Paving and Maintenance. He reached out to the company before, but they didn’t come down to Taylor.

**Portfolios:**

Hanson- Mayor Rebel observed the low water pressure at their shop in Main Street. He suggested if it’s possible to do a water pressure test. The council will look into extending the bypass line.

Gjermundson- Suggested to put up a 15 mph speed limit traffic sign on certain streets in Taylor. Also suggested to do a spring cleanup and pet licensing. Tentative date and time are May 18 from 8:00AM-4:00PM. The council agreed to both of her suggestions.

Jurgens - Not in attendance.

Sloop - Going back to the plans of developing Larsen Circle, City Auditor Lisa Aune called AJ Tuck of Moore Engineering and asked him if they will do the re-plotting of the lands in that area. AJ Tuck agreed to do it.

**Auditor’s Report:**

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

2023 Financial Statement - Councilman Sloop moved to approve the 2023 Financial Report, seconded by Councilwoman Gjermundson. MCU

Bills to be paid - Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the bills to be paid, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

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| **GENERAL** |  |  |  |
|  | 9582-4 | Payroll | $3,325.00  |
|  | 9593 | MDU | $179.18  |
|  | EFT | Consolidated | $118.51  |
|  | 9590 | Richardton Merchant | $157.50  |
|  | 9591 | ND League of Cities | $400.00  |
|  | 9587 | State Auditor | $695.00  |
| **HIWAY** |  |  |  |
|  |   | MDU | $136.86  |
|  | 9594 | Jurgens Operating | $535.00  |
| **OPERA HOUSE** |   |   |   |
|  | 9593 | MDU | $357.10  |
|  | 9586 | Western Heating and Air | $212.84  |
|  | 9588 | Starion Bond Services | $46,617.50  |
| **WATER** |  |  |  |
|  | 9593 | MDU | $318.91  |
|  | 9589 | SW Water | $2,576.74  |
|  | ACH | DCB | $10.00  |
| **SEWER** |   |  |  |
|  | 9572 | MDU | $233.79  |
| **GARBAGE** |   |   |   |
|  | 9592 | MGM Sanitation | $3,704.85  |
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Past due invoices - Nina Wolf mentioned accounts that are behind in paying their utility bills. Will wait until the next water meter reading if they will settle their payments.

**Correspondence:**

Mayor Rebel read a letter from FEMA regarding completed revisions the the countywide flood insurance study (FIS).

**Announcement:**

Next city council meeting will be on April 08, 2024, at 6:00PM. Taylor Equalization meeting will be on April 08, 2024, at 5:30PM.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

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Mayor Ross Rebel Nina Wolf, Secretary