**City of Taylor, North Dakota – May 13, 2024**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Rebel at 6:02PM.

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

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

The Council reviewed the April 08 regular city council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the minutes with the correction on the city share amount of $900,000 instead of $900.00, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

**Visitors:** Kelly Loftis – seeking approval from the council to use The Opera House for Taylor Ecumenical Parish’s Vacation Bible School on May 28-31, 2024, with the same amount they paid last year. Councilman Jurgens made the motion to use The Opera House free of charge for this event, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

Glenn Gullickson and Dalton Rixen – seeking approval if they need excavation permit to dig the sewer line at their property in 2nd Street Linden. Auditor Aune recommended filling out a permit for documentation purposes.

Ray Kaylor – gave his report for the Stark County Sheriff Department. He mentioned scams happening around.

**Old Business:**

1. Decision of 2024 Water District Financing – It is the consensus of the board to do special assessment. Still looking for the three individuals to serve on the special assessment committee.

Councilwoman Gjermundson made the motion to fund $200,000.00 for the water project, seconded by Councilman Sloop. Motion carried. The fund will be coming from:

* ARPA - $26,878.50
* Prairie Dog Fund - $75,000.60
* Covid CD - $45,000.00
* Water Fund - $53,120.90
1. Moore Engineering Update – Plans & specifications for the water project is 99% complete. Bids will be publicly read at the city hall on June 6 at 3PM. The cost estimate is roughly $2.2 million for construction, engineering, legal, and bonding. The city share that is not part of a grant is $900,000.00.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the detailed plans and specifications for Water Improvement District No. 2024-1, seconded by Councilman Jurgens upon roll call vote: 4 yes, 0 no. MCU

Councilman Sloop moved to direct the city auditor to advertise for bids for Water System Improvement District No. 2024-1, seconded by Councilman Hanson upon roll call vote: 4 yes, 0 no. MCU

The State Water Commission Meeting is on June 13, 2024 at 1:00pm CST. Mayor Rebel will attend.

1. Spring Clean-up – Everything is finalized. Scheduled on May 18, from 8:00AM -2:00PM.
2. Opera House Repairs – Estimated date to install new floors is May 20
3. Sale of Public Property: Larsen Circle Lots 34-35 – The council had a discussion regarding the procedure for transfer of property.

**New Business:**

1. Maintenance Position – Reid Vaagen sent his resignation effective May 31, 2024. City Auditor Lisa Aune will post the ad in Richardton Merchant. For now, council members will oversee his duties until the city hires a new maintenance person.
2. Designate Official Newspaper – Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to assign Richardton Merchant as Taylor’s official newspaper, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

**Portfolios:**

Mayor Rebel/Hanson – no report

Gjermundson – working on speed limit signs over by the school

Jurgens – no report

Sloop – gave an update on The Opera House repair

**Auditor’s Report:** City Auditor Lisa Aune – made an update that the CD is up for renewal. Councilwoman Gjermundson made the motion to renew the CD for another six months, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

The Dakota Community Bank offered to give their old popcorn maker and copier for City use.

An ordinance is being drafted by the North Dakota Department of Water Resources. The city is being re-mapped to reflect flood risk more accurately. The city lawyer is handling it and will let the council know for any update.

1. April Financial Report approval - Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the April Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU
2. Bills to be paid approval – Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the bills to be paid, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

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| **GENERAL** |  |  |  |
|  | 9626-28 | Payroll | $3,460.84  |
|  | 9629 | Richardton Merchant | $107.63  |
|  | 9630 | MDU | $131.40  |
|  | 9631 | Nina Wolf | $49.49  |
|  | 9632 | Boss Office | $16.50  |
|  | 9622 | Lorna Oconnor | $400.00  |
| **HIWAY** |  |  |  |
|  | 9630 | MDU | $149.86  |
| **OPERA HOUSE** |   |   |   |
|  | 9630 | MDU | $215.77  |
| **WATER** |  |  |  |
|  | 9630 | MDU | $313.27  |
|  | 9635 | ND Department of Water | $9,749.64  |
|  | 9636 | SWDHU | $25.00  |
|  | 9637 | State Chem Lab | $58.26  |
|  | 9638 | Moore Engineering | $52,500.00  |
|  | 9639 | SW Water Authority | $2,492.47  |
|  | ACH | DCB | $10.00  |
| **SEWER** |   |  |  |
|  | 9630 | MDU | $275.26  |
|  | 9641 | Roughrider Septic | $1,037.56  |
| **GARBAGE** |   |   |   |
|  | 9634 | Jurngen's Operating | $375.00  |
|  | 9642 | MGM Sanitation | $3,704.85  |
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1. Past Due Invoices - Niña Wolf mentioned delinquent accounts for utility bill payments.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU Next city council meeting will be on June 10, 2024, at 6:00PM

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Mayor Ross Rebel Nina Wolf, Secretary