**City of Taylor, North Dakota – July 08, 2024**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Rebel at 6:01PM.

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

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

The Council reviewed the June 11 regular city council meeting minutes. Councilman Sloop moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Gjermundson. MCU

**Visitors:** Deputy Ray Kaylor, AJ Tuck of Moore Engineering, Todd Snyder

**Old Business:**

* Moore Engineering update – Water System Improvement District No. 2024-1

Councilman Sloop moved to award the project to BEK Consulting for $1,446,939.00, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU

Councilman Sloop moved to accept the cost share agreement with the Department of Water Resources, seconded by Councilman Jurgens. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to MCU

* Maintenance Position – Two applications came in for the position. A committee has been created to review city positions’ job descriptions and wages. City Auditor Lisa Aune will provide information to the committee. Their meeting will be on July 10, 2024.
* Special Assessment Committee Appointments – The council appointed terms for the three residents of the committee. Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to appoint Karissa Zillich for a two-year term, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU. Councilman Jurgens moved to appoint Kellen Wolf for a four-year term, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU Councilman Sloop moved to appoint Russ Myran for a six-year term, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU

There was a lengthy discussion about putting up road signs and imposing speed limits throughout the city. Councilman Sloop moved to implement a speed limit of 15 mph with approved signs, seconded by Councilman Jurgens. MCU

**New Business:**

* Reorganization of City Council – Chase Hanson and Kellen Wolf were a tie vote. Kellen Wolf declined so Chase Hanson will take the position. Ross Rebel and Melissa Gjermundson were voted in as city mayor and council member.
* Election of President & Vice-President of City Council - Councilman Jurgens was voted to be the President of the City council. Councilwoman Gjermundson was voted to be the Vice President of the City Council.
* Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to appoint Lisa Aune as the City Auditor, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to appoint Stark County as the City Assessor, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to appoint Mackoff Kellogg Law Firm as the City Attorney, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU
* Portfolio Appointments – Mayor Rebel appointed city council the following portfolios:

Councilman Jurgens as street commissioner, secondary police commissioner

Councilman Sloop as building commissioner, secondary water commissioner

Councilman Hanson as water commissioner, secondary street commissioner

Councilwoman Gjermundson as police commissioner, secondary building commissioner

* 2025 Budget Review – There was a discussion, and the council decided it is best to have a special meeting on July 22, 2024, at 6:30PM.

**Portfolios:**

* Hanson – no report
* Gjermundson – no report
* Jurgens – no report
* Sloop – still working on crack seal and paving repair

**Auditor’s Report:**

City Auditor Lisa Aune discussed to the council her plan of taking over the financial reporting for the Park Board. She will assess the legality of doing it and will discuss the matter with the Park Board members. Current Park Board members are Nicole Rebel, Brittney Annette, Colin Kuntz, Lisa Pavlicek, and Nina Wolf. The last two names were both write-in votes at the last election.

Councilman Sloop made the motion to purchase a second laptop for the city, to be use on other administrative tasks that Nina Wolf is assigned on, seconded by Councilman Jurgens. MCU

* June Financial Report approval - Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the June Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU
* 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** |  |  |  |
|  | 9660-67 | Payroll | $2,074.18  |
|  | 9685 | IRS | $2,701.72  |
|  | 9668 | Richardton Merchant | $449.50  |
|  | 9669 | MDU | $84.86  |
|  | 9670 | NDLC | $497.00  |
|  | 9671 | Dakota Community Insurance | $1,225.00  |
|  | 9672 | Mackoff Kellog | $63.00  |
|  | 9673 | Rudy's Lock and Key | $212.00  |
|  | 9674 | BeBizzy | $350.00  |
|  | 9676 | Lisa Aune | $106.33  |
| **HIWAY** |  |  |  |
|  | 9669 | MDU | $133.97  |
|  | 9677 | Cenex | $114.19  |
| **OPERA HOUSE** |   |   |   |
|  | 9669 | MDU | $85.11  |
|  | 9678 | Western Heating and Air | $374.33  |
| **WATER** |  |  |  |
|  | 9669 | MDU | $302.57  |
|  | 9679 | SW Water Authority | $2,851.84  |
|  | 9680 | Riteway | $218.38  |
|  | 9681 | SWDHU | $50.00  |
|  | 9682 | Moore Engineering | $10,000.00  |
|  | 9683 | Forum Communications | $305.52  |
|  | 9675 | Jeremy Steele | $100.00  |
|  | ACH | DCB | $10.00  |
| **SEWER** |   |  |  |
|  | 9669 | MDU | $267.52  |
| **GARBAGE** |   |   |   |
|  | 9684 | MGM Sanitation | $3,690.85  |
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* Past due invoices – Nina Wolf gave report. The council agreed to shut off water meters for unpaid bills after three months of no payment.

Next City Council meeting will be on August 12, 2024, at 6:00PM.

Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to adjourn at 8:21PM, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU

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Mayor Ross Rebel Nina Wolf, Secretary