**City of Taylor, North Dakota – February 10, 2025**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Vice President Gjermundson at 6:00PM.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present: Melissa Gjermundson, Mark Sloop, and Chase Hanson. Also present is Secretary Nina Wolf.

Additional items to the agenda under new business: After Prom Party donation and TRE PAWS School Playground Project donation. Councilman Sloop moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU.

The Council reviewed the January 13, 2025 regular city council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Gjermundson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU.

**Visitors:**

Brittnee Annettes and Melissa Potter of Taylor Park Board – Discussed their project to install light pole Christmas decorations on Main Street.

Emma Goetz – Discussed renting The Opera House for Kidz Kamp 2025 in July. Councilwoman Gjermundson suggested a $50 rental fee for 5 days. Councilman Sloop moved to approve the rental fee, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU

Deputy Ray Kaylor – gave report.

**Maintenance Report:** Councilman Sloop reported resetting the sewer pump because of the recent power outage.

Commemorative sign to honor Frank Zillich is underway, to be displayed next to the flagpole.

**Old Business:**

* Moore Engineering update – Construction items remaining:
* Tear down of pump house and level dirt
* Well work
* Valve vault
* Estimating $136,000.00 worth of work remaining
* Will reach out to Special Assessment Committee to start the process
* Moore Engineering invoice: 60% covered by DWR
* Animal Ordinance Review – Suggested edits on the ordinance were:
* Under Definition: to change the word “fowl” to poultry
* Under Housing: to delete the word “swine” as live swine is already used
* Under Nuisance: to add “quacking” or any word they can use to describe excessive duck noise
* Include “Grandfather clause” in the ordinance

Councilman Sloop moved to include those edits in the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU.

* Maintenance Position – The hiring committee recommended one applicant. This needs further discussion so it was tabled for next meeting.
* Stark County Small City Infrastructure Grant – The county granted the city the amount of $89,043.75. This will go towards the water project.

**New Business:**

* CD # 1000332925 transfer – Councilman Sloop moved to transfer $45,000.00 to 505 (Water Project) and $3,116.35 to 100 (General Fund), seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU
* After Prom Party Donation – Councilman Sloop moved to donate $500.00, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU
* TRE PAWS Playground Project – tabled for next meeting for further discussion. Needs to discuss this with Park Board as well.

**Portfolios:**

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

**Auditor’s Report:**

* January Financial Report approval – Councilman Sloop moved to approve the January Financial Report, seconded by Councilman Sloop. MCU.
* 2024 Financial Statement – Councilman Sloop moved to publish the 2024 financial statement, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU.
* Bills to be paid approval – Councilman Sloop moved to approve the bills to be paid, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU.

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| 9810-11 | Payroll | $1,402.00 |
| 9818 | Richardton Merchant | $45.50 |
| 9815 | MDU | $352.23 |
| EFT | Consolidated Telcom | $118.67 |
| 9812 | Banyon Data | $865.00 |
| 9813 | Dakota Community Bank Ins | $1,998.00 |
| 9814 | Mackoff Kellog | $94.50 |
| 9822 | Stark County Auditor | $2,000.00 |
| 9825 | Workforce Safety | $206.21 |
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| 9815 | MDU | $127.98 |
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| 9815 | MDU | $539.90 |
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| 9815 | MDU | $540.51 |
| 9821 | SW Water Authority | $3,044.47 |
| 9823 | SWDHU | $25.00 |
| 9818 | Nina Wolf | $112.00 |
| 9824 | US Postmaster | $224.00 |
| EFT | DCB | $10.00 |
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| 9817 | Moore Engineering | $1,623.75 |
| EFT | Bank of North Dakota | $3,028.42 |
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| 9815 | MDU | $179.05 |
| 9824 | US Postmaster | $224.00 |
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| 9816 | MGM Sanitation | $3,690.85 |
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* Past due invoices – Nina Wolf reported five accounts that are past due as of January 2025.

Next City Council meeting will be on March 10, 2025, at 6:00PM.

Councilman Sloop moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM, seconded by Councilman Hanson. MCU.

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Vice-President Melissa Gjermundson Nina Wolf, Secretary