

CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 8, 2022
7:00 pm Fisher School Library

Council Members Present: Emily Tinkham, Laurie Anderson, Mitch Bakken, Mark Clauson

City Staff Present: Chuck Getsman, Taylor Amiot, Mike Theis, Tracy Cameron

Absent: Eric Quirk, Kara Bowen, Adam Wagner

Others: Dave Radi, Danielle Andrist

1) Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:03 pm

2) Additions/corrections to agenda - none

3) Approve minutes from the July 11 2022 regular council meeting

Anderson motioned to approve the July 11, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.

4) Fisher Forum

a. Little Knights Childcare center

i. Zoning Approval Needed: Increase capacity from 52 Children to 82 Children: Need council to approve “Little Knights Childcare Center” shift daycare persons from under the school to just under the daycare. If approved Little Knights Childcare will require a letter of approval on official City letterhead.

ii. Anderson motioned to approve the requested changes. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.

b. Flood Talk and improvements (Dave, Chuck, and Taylor met prior to meeting to review)

i. Found old storm drains that was not covered – believe this is why Kens Millers house was flooded

ii. Dave and Taylor spoke about possible options for the city:

1. Crank gates on culverts

2. Bring dike up to county road 15 & up to public works shed

3. Taylor is going to reach out to Zavorals to find out if Army core Dike

4. Possible to bypass current system on lower Thompson and have everything go by surface floor

5. Est. cost of crank downs to be \$3000 each for 18” size

6. Taylor will get some surveyor’s here to look at wastewater and dike. Will find cost and report back to the council

Bakken would like to see gates put on first and as soon as possible

5) Public Works Department

1. Street signs will be 2 more weeks (printers are currently down)
2. Concrete has been poured at the house across from the school. Chuck will seed the lawn.
3. Requesting approval to order and overnight washing machine board to fix the Fire department washer. Once the board is replaced we will expedite it back to qualify for the warranty.
 - a. Anderson motioned to approve the purchase and expedited shipping. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.
4. Received one bid from Melby's tree services for \$5500. This includes trimming all trees and brushes along streets, sidewalks, and alleyways. that could cause possible damage or harm to vehicles and persons.
 - a. Wagner motioned to approve the tree service expenditure. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.
5. Mowing progress with new mower? - Council Member Wagner
 - a. Batwing is working very well – however we will still need to use a weed eater and small lawnmower to attack areas that the batwing cannot reach.
 - b. Do we have insurance money to spend?
 - i. We already received payment from the insurance on the damaged lawn mower claim.
6. Sandbag removal - Council Member Bakken
 - a. Bakken: The sandbags need to be picked up and removed. suggested picking two dates in the next following weeks and asking for volunteers again.
 - i. Dates: Tuesday, August 23 and Thursday, August 25. Having both nights starting at 6pm
 - ii. Emily will reach out to the Volleyball coach and Chuck will reach out to the football coach for volunteers.
 - iii. Chuck will also post on Facebook

6) Fire and First Responders

1. First Responders - update from Tracy Cameron
 - i. There are 13 - first responders
 - ii. Many new people are interested in becoming certified 1st responders. Cameron is looking into holding another class soon.

- iii. Responded to 40 total calls...3x as many as the Fire Fighters
- 2. Emily will reach out to Eric and talk about leadership, budget and explore grant options.
 - i. Mitch would like to see a more responsive dept.
 - ii. Adam would like to see the relationship between the city and fire dept to go back to being unified.
 - 1. Was also wondering if can have a co-op fire chief? i.e. team up with Crookston or EGF
 - iii. Council – would like to bring back on-call employees for the fire dept and 1st responders
 - iv. Council would like 5yrs of attendance and call info for the first responders and fire department. Council would like to review the people attending.

7) Police Department

The processing of the dangerous dog is working... however Mike feels like the resident is stalling. She has until Friday, August 12, 2022 to provide proof of insurance.

Dog cannot be allowed out on its own
Pitbull is with the resident's mother

Mike is retiring from patrol on Sept 6, 2022. He was informed that he cannot legally work for the next 30 days.

PERA may call with some questions
The City will be reimbursed roughly \$12,000 for all of Mike's continuing education hours

8) Council Unfinished Business

Delinquent water bills

The number of past due accounts have decreased. Disconnect notices will be printed and delivered.

City office move back to school - Council Member Wagner

- i. Is this feasible?

Wagner would like the city office to relocate back to the school.

Has anyone contacted the school about moving back? Noone from the council has attended a school board meeting.

Bakken stated that the school is a community building and the city should have access to it.

This would like to keep the dept/city at its current location.

9) Council New Business

1. Water study for city expansion - Council Member Wagner
 - i. What infrastructure is in place and can it support more dwellings/business?
 - 1) Can our pond/sewer/ water lines support city growth?
 - a. Chuck will follow up with the MPCA to see if they have an answer.
 - b. Taylor will do some digging as well
 2. Domain name update:
 - a. No New update – items were put on the back burner. Chuck will continue the process this month.
 - b. Chuck will check with EGF's tech dept.
 3. Can Kara draft a bill to BNSF for all the mowing that we have covered for them?
 - a. Adam will find possible contacts and work with Kara

10) Council Issues

- a. none

11) Approve June/July Disbursements

Laurie Anderson and Mark Clauson (stepped in for Adam Wagner) reviewed bills prior to the meeting.

- i. Bakken motioned to approve the June/July disbursements of \$38,640.04. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.

12) Adjourn

Clauson motioned to adjourn the meeting at **9:26** pm. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, September 12, 2022, 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Getsman
Public Works Director