

**CITY OF FISHER**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 13, 2023**  
**7:00 pm Fisher School Library**

Council Members Present: Laurie Anderson, Mitch Bakken, Mark Clauson, Adam Wagener  
City Staff Present: Chuck Getsman, Kara Bowen, Taylor Amiot, Mike Theis, Erik Quirk  
Absent: Emily Tinkham, Tracy Cameron  
Others:

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:14 pm
2. Additions/corrections to agenda - none
3. Approve minutes from the January 9, 2023 regular council meeting
  - a. Wagner motioned to approve the January 9, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
4. Fisher Forum - none
5. Public Works Department
  - a. Reached out to the city's lawyer regarding piling snow on resident's properties. Free to do so, however, the city cannot maliciously push all of the snow into one resident's yard.
  - b. Amiot will review what the right of way is for snow banks.
  - c. Payloader and tractor are working well.
6. Fire and First Responders
  - a. Bowen read the following email to the council which was sent by Quirk:

*i. Good afternoon,*

*I am writing this email letting you know that I will not be able to attend the meeting. With that being said I had a few things that I would like to have discussed if possible. I do have the inventory done on all of the fire apparatus and I am requesting assistance from the first responders to have the ambulance inventoried. I will try to get into contact with Chuck to go over the station/ office inventory list. If you could have Mike do the inventory for his equipment and his apparatus that would be appreciated.*

*Second there should be some applications that were turned in this past month for the first responders. Tracy had reached out to me to see where the process was currently at and the estimated time for that to be completed. She related that she had some training in the upcoming months for them to become certified and she wanted to be sure that they would be hired on before signing them up for the training.*

*Third item is the city policy on Fire and Rescue personnel. The relief had requirements set in place for the fire department personnel that if they don't make 50% of trainings, they will not get credit for the year of service towards their time in the relief. So, I feel that the requirements should be removed for percentage of calls/ training required to be on the department and it should be left up to the supervisor/ Chief. In some instances, as myself and some others we have training at our current jobs or other outside training taken that meet or exceed training that is required for the level of training at the volunteer level. If this requirement isn't removed, I feel that we have a good chance of losing a lot of the great volunteers that we have that really care about the community. Times have changed from the past years where employers let you leave your job and respond to calls which makes it difficult to meet your requirements when we can't predict when calls are coming in. I could understand if we were a paid-on call department, but we are not. So, if possible, I would like council to review the policy and omit the percentage requirements. If it was my loved one and they needed assistance I would rather have someone respond from the area than having to wait for someone from Crookston or East Grand Forks to respond.*

*Fourth is I will try getting in contact with Kara to turn in last year's calls for service / meetings that the volunteers were able to make.*

*If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out and make contact with me via email or phone. I will see you at the meeting next month.*

*Thanks,*

*Erik Quirk*

- b. Quirk must fill out an application to be considered for Fire Chief
  - c. The council will review Firefighter requirements in the personnel handbook
  - d. Tracy Cameron - needs to inventory contents of the ambulance
  - e. Clauson motioned to approve the following Firefighters and First Responders.  
Bakken seconded. No discussion. Motion carries.
    - i. Jerold Wentzel - Fire and First Responder
    - ii. Kirby Herman
    - iii. Teressa Wilde
    - iv. Gretchen Enoch
7. Police Department

- a. This needs to complete the inventory for Police Department items
  - b. No issues to report
8. Council Unfinished Business
  - a. Delinquent water bills - 12 accounts past due. Bowen did not create disconnect notices prior to the February billing process.
  - b. Disconnect notices will be delivered by 2/15/2023
9. Council New Business
  - a. Final stage of FEMA fund - Emily \$15,020; \$13,370; \$8,278
  - b. UEI number - Bowen is still working getting the number issued
  - c. Airborne Vector Control, LLC - approximate cost \$980
    - i. Getsman will research and we will discuss next meeting
  - d. Olson - paycheck
    - i. Is he an employee?
    - ii. December 2020 - retired from the city, but did not terminate employment.
    - iii. March 2021 - stepped down as part time employee
    - iv. Olson will be invited to next meeting personnel meeting 3/13/2023 @ 5:30pm
  - e. This - mower pickup in June submitted \$363 reimbursement for mileage - 242 miles
    - i. This will submit a bill for \$363
  - f. Hire part time clerk - advertise
    - i. Anderson motion to advertise for part time clerk 10-20 per week. Clauson seconded. No discussion. Motion carries.
10. Council Issues
  - a. none
11. Approve December/January Disbursements
  - a. Anderson and Clauson reviewed bills prior to the meeting.
    - i. Bakken motioned to approve the expenditures of \$54,541.43. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
12. Clauson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, March 13 2023 at 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Bowen

Clerk