

**CITY OF FISHER  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 3, 2020**

**Fisher Emergency Center 7:00 pm**

**Council Members Present: Liz Barrett, Mark Clauson, Adam Wagner, Laurie Anderson**

**Council Absent: Mitch Bakken**

**City Staff Present: Taylor Amiot, Josh Mailhot, Chuck Getsman, Mike Theis, Stacy Wallace**

**Others: Josh Korynta, Matt Riske, Jared Solheim, Tracey Cameron, Scott Cameron, Ross Korynta, Mike Vasek, Ryan Korynta, Emily Tinkham, Scott Knox**

**\*Full Recording of the meeting is available upon request.**

- 1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Barrett at 7:07 pm.**
- 2. Additions/Corrections were made to the agenda.**
- 3. Approve Minutes from the August 3, 2020 meeting.**  
*Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes from August 3, 2020.*  
*Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.*
- 4. Fisher Forum:**
  - a. Scott Cameron- Wants to why there was no communication with the department without any discussion as a group? He thinks that there are many other places in the fire hall that could work as a meeting room.**
  - b. Mike Vasek - Addressed the council on the amount of hours and money that was spent. Also stated that it was a discussion with the school board for over 3 months.**
    - i. Wagner - We were given only 30 day notice.**
  - c. Scott Knox - The Bremer bank would have been the best place**
    - i. Wagner - For a price, Bremer no longer owns the bank.**
  - d. A. Wagner - it's a tough situation for everybody. We would like to come up with a solution that will work for everyone.**
  - e. Barrett - for a security standpoint, this was the best option. This location was the best location due to not wanting patrons walking around the Fire Hall.**
  - f. S. Knox - would like to get reimbursed so they can put money into the their own space**
    - i. Wagner - would like to open a discussion on how to get them a solution for a meeting room to fit the Fire Department's needs.**

1. S. Cameron - Suggested putting up a wall and using the Police Department bay as an office, moving the overhead door in the back by the fire trucks.
    - a. Vasek- to save money, you can use the overhead door that is in the PD bay, and install it in the back of the Fire bay
  2. S. Cameron - Mike Theis, what would you like to see for your space?
    - a. Mike would like to make sure that his Police car is inside, he doesn't care where his vehicle is parked, just inside.
    - b. There is enough room for the squad car to be parked in the NW Corner of the Fire Hall
  - g. This is temporary- it may be 3 months or it might be 3 years or so
  - h. J. Solheim-What are the plans on the expansion for the Fire Department?
  - i. S. Cameron would like to see the meeting room be put back into the order that it was in the way that it was, after we find a solution. Speaking for the department; it would be a great move to make everyone happy.
  - j. Clerk will get estimates to put up a wall in the PD stall and move PD bay to the back of the Fire Hall.
5. Public Works:
- a. 1996 Payloader was found in Shakopee, MN for \$57,500
    - i. Comes with a blade and a wing
    - ii. \$1,800 to deliver it to Fisher
    - iii. Jeff said that there are a few things that he sees in the photos that could be possibly get us a better deal
    - iv. Concern with the height of the door and height of the Payloader
  - b. Filling in potholes around town (Kittson and 5th)
  - c. Dillon said that we are still sitting good out at the ponds right now.
  - d. Lift Station was calibrated by IPS yesterday. Everything looks good
6. Fire & First Responders:
- a. Decals will be put on the Brush Truck by September 4th
  - b. Old Fire Ambulance will be brought to Middle River, MN.
  - c. Charles Getman's background came back clear, with no concerns.  
*Anderson made a motion to approve the hiring of Charles Getsman to the Volunteer Firefighters. Clauson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.*

*Clauson made a motion to approve the hiring of Charles Getsman to the Volunteer 1st Responders. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

- d. Furnace-waiting to hear back from Groves to find out if there is any Freon in the AC unit before disconnecting
- e. Firehall overhead doors were installed by The Door Guy on 8/27/2020
- f. First Responders training starts Tuesday
- g. Overhead doors have been installed
- h. Pump - is going to be returned back to the State. It will be going at the same time as the ambulance.
- i. 1 call last week
- j. 9 on the First Responders
- k. 22 Volunteers on Volunteer Fire Department

**7. Police:**

- a. Austin started working
  - i. Brad Johnson said that he had passed all the training that he needs; still needs to do the E-Vok training and the physical
- b. Mike had 16 hours of patrol
- c. Still dealing with 4-wheelers
- d. Dean Tinkham's wake was very well attended
- e. Hopefully will quiet down once school starts back up. Barrett is getting 4-5 calls a day about complaints.

**8. COUNCIL UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Delinquent Utilities
  - i. #6-sent notice
  - ii. #109- following payment plan; will be making another payment on 9/4/2020
  - iii. #127- sent notice
  - iv. #8448313-sent notice
  - v. #8448315- no notice; only \$1.41 over 30 days
  - vi. #8448351-sent notice
- b. RT Adams Building/Mike Vasek
  - i. Mike stated that he will have the building demolished by September 30th, 2020. He is having issues with getting a couple of safes out of the building.
  - ii. Council agreed that there is no issue with moving the demolition to the end of September.
- c. Road Plan- Taylor presented to the council a couple of road plans that are quoted on hourly rate not to exceed. Will have to go out to public bidding due to the cost.

***Wagner makes a motion to approve the AE2S . Clauson seconded the motion. Motion Carried***

***i. Taylor spoke with Jake from Community Co-op about a section of road that patched on 1st and Fletcher. Jake said that they are willing to patch that location to***

bring it up to grade on that portion of the street, as long as they are no longer responsible for that area of road after the repair. Taylor suggests that it would be most beneficial for the life of the pavement to do the patching. - Contact Jake to let him know that the city agrees for them to patching

ii. Randy Hout stopped by and took a look at the spots that were left by NPL with boring the natural gas lines on County Rd 61. He said that if they were going to patch them, they would be pulled back out when they are moving snow. He said that being that they are so shallow there is nothing that can be done

iii. Taylor said that there is a grant through the USDA Rural Grant Program.

d. City Offices-

i. Committee - Barrett ideally we would like to get more space for everybody. We would like to have community involvement. What do we want to see? Where do we want to move from there? Need to start talking to people. Have representatives from all different parts of the community. Wagner suggests to limit the number of people in the committee. Anderson suggests doing a survey to the community. Wagner suggested a survey with a one time code or bring it into the office.

e. Preliminary Levy - 5%

*Anderson makes a motion to the preliminary levy at 5%. Clauson seconded the motion. Motion Carried*

f. Feasibility Study- Tabled

i. WSN \$5,900.

ii. JLG \$22,000.

Wagner is not ready to approve either of the feasibility studies at this time. Barrett would like to know what more we need to ask for? Wagner would like more details from WSN to compare to JLG's proposal. Anderson - feels like it's a lot of money to be shelling out when we don't have any land to build anything. Wagner feels like JLG would be a little more energetic to get community involvement.

g. CARES Funding Act Spending - Due to COVID-19 the city had spent \$13,973.66 in August because of the displacement of the City Offices from the school. This amount was spent on getting the new City Office to work functionally for an office (storage, paint, carpet, rental of equipment to move office furniture), wages that were not budgeted for 2020 due to having to move offices.

*Wagner makes a motion to approve the CARES Funding Act Spending. Clauson seconded the motion. Motion Carried*

## 9. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

a. Yard of the Month for August: Zona Kaml

b. Fee Schedule Review- 3 year Chicken License fee \$10.00

- c. Payroll tax - POTUS Trump executive order offers employers to defer payroll taxes until 2021. City will continue to take out taxes.
- d. We need to put a Snow Plow driver on a fast track. -Clerk will get the job posted
- e. Council and Mayor pay 2021

Mitch suggested that there shouldn't be a raise, because if someone is going to quit over \$25-50 they are doing it for the wrong reason.

- f. The city was reached out by the city Grand Forks to see if we would be interested in a free skate park, pieces. We would have to pour a concrete slab. Council would like to see pictures of what they have to offer.

11. Open Discussion/Clerk's Update:

- a. Free Pet License day went over well - 8 new pets registered

12. Approved September's Disbursements:

*Wagner made a motion to approve disbursements in the amount of \$57,189.95  
Clason seconded the motion. Motion carried.*

13. Anderson and Bakken will approve disbursements for next month.

14. Adjourn: *Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Wagner seconded the motion.  
Meeting adjourned at: 9:10 pm.*

*Next meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Fisher Emergency Meeting*

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Wallace  
Clerk-Treasurer