

**CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 9, 2022
7:00 pm Fisher School Library**

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

City Staff Present: Chuck Getsman, Kara Bowen, Taylor Amiot, Mike Theis

Absent: Eric Quirk,

Others: none

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:00 pm
- 2) Additions/corrections to agenda - none
- 3) Approve minutes from the April 11, 2022 regular council meeting
 - a. Wagner motioned to approve the April 11, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
- 4) Approve minutes from the April 18, 2022 regular council meeting
 - i. Wagner motioned to approve the April 18, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Anderson. No discussion. Motion carries.
- 5) Fisher Forum - none
- 6) Public Works Department
 - a. Dike and Flooding update
 - i. Sandbags and pallets - Items that can be returned have been returned to Crookston.
 - ii. Getsman will contact Principal Mailhot for student volunteers.
 - b. Culvert closure apparatus
 - c. Cleanup/repair/improvements
 - i. Who designed and constructed the levy?
 - ii. Amiot is researching
 - iii. Water reached 42.7 and low spot on dike is 42.8
 - d. Emergency response and Dike/River Watch - by the Fire dept
 - i. Firefighters wanted to know why they were not called to walk the dike overnight.
 - ii. During a state of emergency the fire department should fill the pumps and walk the dike at night.
 - iii. Do we need to put the procedures in writing? Look for emergency processes.
 - e. ATV signs (Getsman is working with Jay from the County)
 - i. Company out of Fergus Falls was recommended. County will install signs.
 - ii. \$60 per sign - Four signs for the county roads also suggested on main thoroughfares in town. Getsman will work with Wagner for sign placement..
 - f. Dog letter

- i. Sent to new resident.
- g. Tested water for Parsonage
 - i. Tests have come back below minimum
 - ii. Resident would like additional testing
 - iii. No further testing. Bill resident for cost of test and Getsman hours.
 - iv. Letter should be sent to the Church Council.
- h. Brian Beiswenger house build next to Lundgren's on Memorial
 - i. South of Lundgren house
 - ii. The property would have to be annexed into Fisher. Council would have to approve.
 - iii. Zoning and planning commission needs to meet.
 - iv. City Engineer and City Attorney should review also.
- i. Councilmember Wagner's additions
 - i. Access to ponds during flood periods
 - 1. Is this needed?
 - 2. MCPA asked if we have access to roads; Ponds were not flowing.
 - 3. Transfer from pond 1 to pond 2 were completed earlier this spring in anticipation of issues during spring melt.
 - 4. Lift station couldn't keep up. Some residents may have sump pumps connected to the sewer instead of exiting homes.
 - ii. Road Access/maintenance to ponds
 - 1. Improvements to road (IE. gravel, grade, & elevation)
 - 2. Should we work with local property owners for alternative access that is less prone to flooding?
 - 3. Possibly use drones to assess needs if roads are impassable.
 - iii. No trespassing signs
 - 1. Need to post signs around ponds
 - a. Currently signs are posted on the fence.
 - 2. During spring melt and wet times ATV's will create ruts.
 - 3. Signs give neighbors/landowners the ability to call and report trespassers
 - a. Double check with Theis
 - b. Maybe post a sign on the road
 - c. Trail cams
 - iv. Sidewalk Ramps
 - 1. Terrible condition/poor drainage after rain
 - a. Specifically the new ones put in by the county
 - b. Please send info (and attached pictures) to the county regarding this pervasive issue with the new ramps
 - v. Tree Trimming
 - 1. What rights do we have to trim trees in the city right-of-way for encroachment issues near sidewalks and roads?

- 2. Send letter to homeowner
 - 3. Ordinance?
 - vi. Lawnmower
 - 1. Consider options
 - a. New riding tractor
 - b. Bobcat
 - c. Pull-behind (for big tractor)
 - i. Research options
 - d. Used machines (toro, tractor, etc.)
 - vii. Sidewalks
 - 1. Renewed call to consider sidewalk renovations
 - a. Should work on a map and setting a budget for a multi-year update.
 - b. Amiot will put together a plan for the city
 - c. Special assessment for sidewalk project?
 - viii. Street cleaning
 - 1. Crookston canceled the cleaning
 - 2. Do we want to find our own provider? \$2500 to hire a contractor
- 7) Fire and First Responders
- a. Getsman provided report
 - b. Pig roast went well
 - c. Roome Township
- 8) Police Department
- a. This visited with several kids with dirt bikes and four wheelers
 - b. Councilmember Wagner's additions
 - i. Noise
 - 1. Considerable ATV Motorcycle noise (probably related to "spring fever")
 - 2. Significant amount of gun fire on 5/8/2022
 - a. Not sure where this was taking place
 - b. Possibly from west of City
- 9) Council Unfinished Business
- a. Delinquent water bills
 - b. Council Wagner's additions
 - i. Email addresses update
 - 1. Where do we stand on *.gov or *.mn.us (or other) addresses
 - 2. *.gov - on hold
 - 3. *.mn.us - have to find someone to find to purchase the address
 - 4. Pursue *.gov - Getsman will take care of the paperwork
 - ii. City office relocation

1. Meet with school board - Next meeting May 17, 2022
 2. Consider alternative build
 - a. BNSF Property (along 3rd)
 - b. Vasek Property (downtown on Thompson)
 - c. Next moves for community center/city office building
 - d. Solicit community feedback
 - iii. City Beautification
 1. New Tree Program
 - a. Many old trees in town are dying
 - b. Consider new trees on city right-of-way
 - c. Need to produce map for tree placement
 - iv. Bridge closure
 1. Is the bridge creating a bottleneck for the river and increasing the likelihood of flooding upstream of Fisher?
 2. Should the city/county consider culverts or other flood mitigation mechanisms on the causeway leading to the bridge?
 3. Amiot will ask his team of experts.
- 10) Council New Business
- a. Office Summer hours begin next Monday, May 16, 2022 through August 12, 2022
- Thursdays 9:30 - 11:30 am
- 11) Council Issues
- a. none
- 12) Approve April/May Disbursements
- a. Laurie Anderson and Adam Wagner reviewed bills prior to the meeting.
 - i. Anderson motioned to approve the April/May disbursements of \$25,525.14. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.
- 13) Adjourn
- a. Clauson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, June 13, 2022, 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Bowen
Clerk