

**CITY OF FISHER  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, May 4, 2015  
Fisher School Library  
7:00pm**

**Council Members Present:** Jennifer Dahlen, Laurie Anderson, Alissa Larson, Adam Wagner, Wayne Schull

**City Staff Present:** Amy Theis, Dean Smith, Mike Theis, Jeff Olson, Chris Reynolds, Andrew Dahlen

**Others Present:** Brad Bail, Jared Theis

1. **Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dahlen at 7:00pm.**
2. **Additions/Corrections were made to the agenda.**
3. **Approve Minutes from April 6, 2015 meeting.**  
*Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2015. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*
4. **Fisher Forum:**
5. **Public Works:**
  - A. **Trinity Lutheran Church Parking Lot Drainage:**  
Brad Bail will take a look.
  - B. **Sammy Benavidez utility bill:**  
The water meter at 201 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N showed usage of 215,000 gallons of water from 3/24/2015 to 4/23/2015. The meter at this property had been disconnected and inoperable for several months over the winter as well as during other times during 2014. Chris Reynolds and Jeff Olson determined the meter to be malfunctioning and a new meter was installed. Amy Theis averaged their monthly usage at approximately 6,000 gallons per month and suggested to the Council that their usage be adjusted to reflect as much. Jennifer Dahlen stated that if 215,000 gallons ran thru the meter, that's what they should pay. More information is needed on this matter.
  - C. Sanitary manholes repaired
  - D. Water shed was painted
  - E. **Spring Cleanup:**  
Waste Management did not go thru the ally and will be back on Wednesday. Several residents put items out late. Amy Theis will contact Waste Management about picking up the remainder. If they are unwilling, we will pick up for a fee. Letters will be sent to residents.
  - F. **Water leak at 209 Thompson:**  
There was a trailer there at one time and Jeff believes that is what's causing the leak. Having problems with the curb stop. Will need a backhoe to dig it up.
  - G. Andrew asked about the hydrant at Cenex. Jeff reported it is being repaired.
6. **Fire & First Responders:**
  - A. Purchased a 1985 Fire truck from the City of Crookston. The old one will be returned to Grand Rapids. Old truck needed a tire.
  - B. Sprinkler system compressor was running about every 10 minutes. Had a hole in the pipe. Nova patched it and will return with a long term fix.
  - C. Dan Donarski has reserved the emergency center and all of the tables for May 15, 2015.
  - D. Jennifer asked who's responsible for clean up after the pig roast. Pig Roast numbers were down.

## 7. Police

- A. Mike reported several dealings with students which is expected when the weather is nice.
- B. Dean is still working on burglary investigation. There has been some talk about the county attorney's office no longer prosecuting petty misdemeanors and misdemeanors.

## 8. COUNCIL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Delinquent water bills:

A. Theis reported that there are 2 accounts that are 60 days or more past due. They have been sent notice of disconnection if payment is not made by noon on Friday, May 8, 2015.

### B. Bremer Sidewalk:

Brad Bail explained the issue regarding the sidewalk in front of Bremer. The curb stop boxes are down as far as possible. He suggested removal of sidewalk, cut off top of box and attach wings so it will float with the sidewalk as the ground shifts. He also spoke about the drainage problem at the southwest corner of Thompson and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South. He suggested that the City wait until the County or City does a street project (mill & overlay) and make repairs at that time. Council requested a letter be sent to Bremer with specs provided by WSN explaining that the City will pay a portion (floating curb box) and Bremer will be asked to pay a portion (concrete sidewalk).

### C. Rental Property Ordinance:

Jennifer presented a summary of what she believed would work best for the City. Tabled until June. Amy will get a copy of East Grand Forks to Council.

### D. Tri-Valley Property:

Amy Theis spoke with Jason Carlson, CEO of Tri-Valley, and was assured that there was no ill will toward the City intended with the sale of land to Brent Wagner. Their board of directors made their decision to sell the property back to Wagner's because they were unaware of any other interested parties.

### E. Capital Improvement Planning:

Amy Theis reported that the first step in CIP has been completed. She asked for a list of capital projects needed and a timeline for completion.

- 1) Streets – seal coat (done in 2013 & 2014) every 7-10 years and eventually mill and overlay
- 2) Sanitary sewer – Cleaning and jetting at least ¼ of the City each year
- 3) Discharge ponds – MNPCA phosphorus limits

## 9. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

### A. Beiswenger Addition:

Brian Beiswenger purchased a building permit for a modular home to be moved in to his last existing lot on Memorial Drive.

### B. Downtown development:

The R.T. Adams building and the adjoining empty lots to the west are currently owned by Mike Vasek. He is asking \$27,000 for the R.T. Adams building and has always had the intention of building storage units on the other property.

### C. NWMMCHRA Resolution and Lease Agreement:

Amy Theis explained that NWMMCHRA, the owner of Prairieview apartments, is refunding their bond at a lower interest rate and asked for the City's approval of Resolution 2015-04. They plan to replace shingles, siding, and some windows at Prairieview this spring.

***Anderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-04 and the lease agreement with NWMMCHRA. Schull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.***

### D. Summer office hours:

Amy Theis made a request for the City Office to be closed on Fridays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Council agreed to the request. The office will be open from 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday thru Thursday.

**10. Open Discussion:**

- A. Brad Bail explained that there isn't much the City or the City's building official can do regarding Mitch Bakken's complaint regarding his neighbor. He did send a letter to Mr. Anderson.
- B. Christmas Lights – Temple Display is running a special during the month of May. 25% off and interest free financing for 2 years. Andrew Dahlen thought that might be a good project for the Fisher Area Community Fund.

**11. Approve May Disbursements:**

*Schull made a motion to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$20,674.11. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

**12. Adjourn at 8:47pm:**

*Larson made a motion to adjourn. Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Theis  
Clerk-Treasurer