

CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 12, 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, Tracy Cameron

Others: Dave Radi,

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:09 pm
- 2) Additions/corrections to agenda - none
- 3) Approve minutes from the August 8, 2022 regular council meeting
 - a) Anderson motioned to approve the August 8, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.
- 4) Fisher Forum
 - a) Dave Radi - Asked to close 4th and 5th Street for a block party Saturday, September 17, 2022 10 am - midnight.
 - i) Anderson motioned to approve the request to close 4th and 5th Street from 10am - midnight, Saturday, September 17, 2022. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - b) Dave Radi - Asked to borrow tables from the city for the street party.
 - i) Anderson motioned to approve the request to borrow tables, Saturday, September 17, 2022. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.
- 5) Public Works Department
 - a) Bid received for plow truck.
 - i) Wagner motioned to reject the bid because it was too low. Seconded by Clauson.
 - ii) Getsman will send a rejection letter to the bidder.
 - iii) Getsman will advertise on Min-bid.
 - b) Website update
 - i) East Grand Forks suggested to get .gov.
 - ii) Getsman will contact Halstad about hosting .gov.
 - iii) Bowen will contact the current website, Wix, regarding email and hosting .gov.
 - iv) Bowen will review current license, Office 365 for packages to include email.
 - c) Can Fisher expand?

- i) MPCA's response - City is at 90% of influx. MPCA will have to be contacted to see if additional homes can be added to the current system..
 - ii) City should verify sump pumps are not being dumped into sewer system; Amiot with research to see what the city can request of citizens for proof.
 - iii) Option is to turn third cell into pond - Getsman is working with Amiot to determine feasibility.
 - d) Jetway cleaned city
 - i) Rory's house; neighboring garage crushing pipe
 - ii) Tree causing issues for June and Todd - falls back on homeowner
 - iii) Mineral deposit in old anhydrous field, three inches of mineral deposit on either side of pipe
 - (1) Disposable wipes may cause issues on ??? side of railroad tracks
 - (2) Need council's approval for Jetway to break through issue and investigate issue.
 - (3) Service Y connection - between 3rd and ??? why is there a connection
 - e) Uptick in curbstops heaving
- 6) Fire and First Responders - Report given by Bowen
 - a) Fire Chief would like approval to pay for Fire I training for 11 - 12 firefighters with a max total cost of \$300.
 - i) Anderson motioned to approve the Fire I training expenditure Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - b) First responder
 - i) Will participate in trunk or treat
 - ii) Are looking into holding a first responder class this fall
- 7) Police Department
 - a) Official retirement this month
 - b) Dangerous dog - update
 - i) County washed hands of the situation.
 - ii) Dog will be seized if insurance is not obtained.
 - iii) City attorney was consulted.
- 8) Council Unfinished Business
 - a) Delinquent water bills
 - b) 2023 Budget
 - c) 2023 Meeting Dates

- i) Wagner motioned to keep council meetings on the second Monday of the month. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - d) CERTIFICATE OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY for 2023 - proposed 5%
 - i) Clauson motioned to set the proposed tax levy for 2023 at 5%. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.
- 9) Council New Business
 - a) City/Community Improvement Committee
 - i) Consider the formation of a city improvement committee tasked with
 - (1) Identify City Beautification opportunities
 - (2) Identify areas of need/improvement within the city
 - (a) Dead Trees, problem streets, problem signs, problem sidewalks, etc.
 - (3) Identify community members in need
 - (4) Dilapidated houses/overgrown yards
 - (5) Help facilitate community volunteers for various projects when appropriate
 - (a) Church Congregations
 - (b) Fire/first responders
 - (c) School Students
 - (6) City personnel may lend aid when appropriate
 - (7) Main Goals is to help facilitate a greater sense of community and neighbors helping neighbors
 - (8) Recommended members
 - (a) At least one city council member
 - (b) Member from each church congregation
 - (c) Rep from Fire/First Responders
 - b) RR Mowing – What was the resolution?
 - i) Wagner suggest \$50 per hour * 1.75hrs per week * 4.2 weeks per month * 5 months per year or \$1837.50
 - ii) Bill for 2017 - 2022
 - c) Does the city have a master list of ordinances posted online for review
 - i) Yes on the website under its own page.
 - d) Christmas Lights
 - i) Progress or recommended purchases?
 - ii) The lights have been purchased.
- 10) Council Issues
 - a) none.

11) Approve August/September Disbursements

a) Anderson and Clauson reviewed bills prior to the meeting.

\$21,787.81

i) Anderson motioned to approved the expenditures of \$21,787.81. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.

12) Clauson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Bowen

Clerk