

**CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 14, 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, Eric Quirk, Taylor Amiot

Absent: Mike Theis, Kara Bowen

Others: Warren Strandell (Polk County Commissioner), & Troy Schroder (New Regional Development)

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:01 pm
- 2) Additions/corrections to agenda - none
- 3) Approve minutes from the February 8, 2022 regular council meeting
 - a. Anderson motioned to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
- 4) Fisher Forum - none
- 5) Public Works Department
 - a. Updates
 - i. Spring Clean up will be May 7
 1. Post notice to facebook and website
 - ii. Update on new equipment for the City
 1. Bobcat – would still like to pursue. Will plan to have a demo done out at the ponds. Lead time for quoted unit is 8-12months. Many of the attachments can be rented in Grand Forks between \$100-\$300 daily/week depends on attachment.
 2. RDO – Zero turn mower. Council would like to move away from this option and pursue either the Bobcat or the tractor from TruNorth.
 3. TruNorth – If the Bobcat unit does not meet our needs for mowing, the Council would like to go with this option. John Deere 2038 w/ 72” deck. \$28K. This is an updated model to the tractor that was recently vandalized.
 4. Wagner requested Getsman to check with Titan Machinery and see what they have to offer.
 - iii. Website update
 1. Contacted WIX.com and they mentioned that they do not currently support any .gov website but it shouldn't be in issue. We would just need to go through another company to acquire the .gov tag.
 2. Wagner would like to find out if the city can get a .US site instead of a .GOV. Getsman will look into this.

- iv. Water Meter install at the school – New Daycare
 - 1. Getsman mentioned that a new water meter was installed at the school. He spoke to Kade at the City’s building inspection company. Kade noted that the City is able to charge up to the full amount for New Water and Sewer services for the school.
 - 2. Water = \$600.00; Sewer = \$400.00

2) Fire and First Responders

- a. Resignation letter for Josh Mailhot was submitted via E-mail
 - i. Bakken motioned to accept the resignation. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
- b. Eric Quirk attended and notified the council that his Chief gave him the ok to be Chief of Fisher if the council would like.
 - i. Council asked if there was anyone else on the department that would currently be qualified:
 - 1. Andrew Knox
 - 2. Kelby Clauson
 - 3. Neither expressed interested in being the next Chief
- c. Pig Roast is on April 2, 2022 from 5:30pm -8:00 pm with the drawing at 7:30pm
- d. Bakken would like the city to approach the school board about moving back into school and giving the current city office back to the fire dept.
 - i. Daycare is moving out
 - ii. What will the room be used for?
 - iii. The Council would like Theis to attend next school board meeting and find the proper resolution that states the school is a community access area and the city has the right to be in there.
 - iv. Mentioned that Randy Bruer might be a good resource as well

3) Police Department

- a. No report - Theis did not attend the meeting.

4) Council Unfinished Business

- a. Delinquent water bills

5) Council Issues

- a. No issues

6) Council New Business

- a. Spring Cleanup (see Public Works)
- b. Warren Strandell, County Commissioner - Safe Routes to School
 - i. Presented a handout for those attending – listed different programs that the city could pursue to continue with the safe route or sidewalk update.
 - ii. The list of options was reviewed. Schroder stated that his office is there to help the city.
 - iii. Schroder recommends having a city meeting to determine a list of needs.
 - iv. Map needs to show the need for the sidewalks (old/new Routes and repairs).
 - v. Add pedestrian arms at railroad crossings.
 - vi. County needs to sponsor the projects.
 - vii. Schroder encouraged the City to apply for the state and federal funding and to continue applying until the city receives funding.
 - viii. State is every 2 years and has more available funding.
 - ix. Federal is every 4 years
- c. Voting Survey
 - i. Too close to call
 - ii. Bakken stated that we need to decide and will need to revisit.
- d. 2022-04 Redistricting Resolution
 - i. Anderson, Bakken, and Clauson approved the resolution. Wagner and Tinkham voted present.
- e. Township Fire Contracts
 - i. Quirk suggested using the 2021 contract price for years 2022, 2023, and 2024. He had met with many of the towns and they said this was fair pricing.
 - ii. Stated that Fisher and Roome didn't receive a bill last year and would like Clerk to follow-up with this. Maybe have a reminder set up.
 - 1. Clerk verified that bills were sent to both townships. City received payment from Fisher 3/18/2021 and Roome 3/09/2021.
 - iii. Anderson motioned to use 2021 price for 2022, 2023, and 2024 contract. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.

7) Council Issues

- a. none

8) Approve February/March Disbursements

- a. Mitch Bakken and Mark Clauson will review bills prior to the meeting.
 - i. Anderson motioned to approve the February/March Disbursements. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.

9) Adjourn

- a. Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Getsman
Public Works Director