

**CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 14, 2023**

7:00 pm Fisher School Library

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

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

Guests: Bill Moonen

Absent: Erik Quirk, Tracy Cameron

- A. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:03 pm
- B. Additions/corrections to agenda –
 - a. none
- C. Approve minutes from the July 10, 2023 regular council meeting
 - a. Clauson motioned to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Anderson. No discussion. Motion carries.
- D. Fisher Forum
 - a. Taylor Amiot announced his last day at AE2 as September 1, 2023 and introduced his replacement, Bill Moon.
- E. Public Works Department
 - a. Wagner Landscaping will remove the sickly pine tree for free if the city purchases the replacement from the company.
 - i. Recommendation – three (3) Black Hills Spruce trees at \$385 each.
 - ii. Trees are guaranteed for 1 year.
 - iii. Trees can be installed the third week of September.
 - 1. Anderson motioned to approve the purchase of three (3) trees from Wagner Landscaping. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - b. The yard waste site was roll off dumpsters were overfilled. Residents dumped yard waste on the ground.
 - i. Getsman will purchase signs indicating \$50 fine plus \$50 per hour for cleaning up yard waste that is not placed in roll off.
 - ii. Bowen will send a note in the water bills regarding fines and updated city fee resolution.
 - c. DNR floodplain program check-in
 - i. The last floodplain map is dated 1987.
 - ii. Will meet with DNR again in September.
 - iii. DNR suggestion - City should create a policy about building in the floodplain.
 - d. Met with Electric Pump
 - i. Quote to replace blades in current pumps - \$8,200
 - ii. Quote to purchase grinder pump for manhole - \$22,000
 - e. Replace all water meters
 - i. \$53,000 to replace all meters and purchase new reader
 - 1. Wagner motioned to approve the replacement of meters and purchase a new reader. Seconded by Anderson. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - f. Add outlets to poles for holiday lights
 - i. Nine poles (9) - \$3,060
 - ii. Mayor Tinkham and Council Member Anderson will mark the poles to be upgraded.

- g. Lead and copper pipe
 - i. Residents will be sent another letter regarding the lead and copper pipe rule.
 - ii. 25% of residents responded to the first letter. Required response 100%.
 - iii. Getsman is working with Widseth for water lines.
 - iv. MN rural water needs blueprints signed with 'as to' on it.
 - h. Public Works rebuilt the retaining wall in front of the city office.
 - i. Public Works is painting streets.
 - j. Waiting on pond updates
 - k. Brent Wagner wants to build a pole by Casserly's
 - i. Wagner needs to determine if the area is public right of way or easement.
 - ii. Also needs to determine utilities
 - l. Getsman announced his resignation effective September 11, 2023
 - i. Fisher needs to contract out wastewater and other public works duties or hire a fully licensed person
 - ii. To be fully licensed, a person must work under a licensed person for one (1) year.
- F. Police Department
- a. No report
- G. Fire and First Responders
- a. Quirk and Cameron - both absent
 - b. Cameron sent an email update for First Responders
 - c. Getsman reported that the fire department is looking to get the newer fire truck read for winter.
 - d. New racking and lockers will be installed in the fire department.
 - e. Cameron reported there are four (4) new first responders and they need one (1) more.
 - f. Cameron has secured a grant for the new AEDs (check in sitting the office) and has asked the AEDs to be ordered.
- H. Council Unfinished Business
- a. Delinquent water bills
 - i. Wagner motioned to certify BSNF past due invoice to taxes. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - b. Capitalization policy requested by Auditors – suggested \$2,500
 - i. Council felt that \$5,000 was more appropriate.
 - 1. Anderson motioned to create a \$5,000 capitalization policy. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
- I. Council New Business
- a. Council opened sealed truck bids
 - i. Bid accepted from Agrimax for \$10,300 for all three trucks.
 - ii. Bakken motioned to approve bid. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - b. Block party road closure – September 9, 2023
 - i. Getsman will get blockade.
 - ii. Bakken motioned to approve the road closure for the block party. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - c. Fisher Days
 - i. Residents want to know why the city does not have Fisher Days.
 - ii. A meeting will be held to see if people would like to put together Fisher Days.
 - iii. Meeting has been set for November 13, 2023 at 6pm at the school.
 - d. House with collapsed roof
 - i. Ask lawyer to send a letter to homeowner, 30 days to respond.

- ii. Getsman will take pictures of the property.
 - e. Community center
 - i. Should the council continue to investigate opportunities?
- J. Council Issues
 - a. None
- K. Approve July/August Disbursements
 - a. Anderson and Wagner reviewed bills prior to the meeting.
 - b. Anderson motioned to approve the expenditures of \$159,979.37. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.

Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.

Next Special Budget Meeting Monday, August 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Next Regular Council Meeting Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Fisher School Library

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Bowen

Clerk