

**CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 13, 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, Taylor Amiot, Mike Theis

Absent: Eric Quirk, Kara Bowen

Others: none

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Mayor Emily Tinkham at 7:01 pm
- 2) Additions/corrections to agenda
 - a. Date/time for sand bag removal - Bakken
- 3) Approve minutes from the May 9, 2022 regular council meeting
 - a. Anderson motioned to approve the May 9, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
- 4) Fisher Forum - none
- 5) Public Works Department
 - a. Payloader has been received and is ready to be put to work.\
 - b. Equipment quotes:
 1. Bobcat: (IronHide of GF)
 2. Batwing – new 2021 Bushhog - \$20K (would work with current tractor)
 3. Tool cat – brand new 2021 UW56 – \$64,770 w/o cutting deck (multiple attachments to use throughout the seasons i.e. street sweeper and snowblower available for rent or purchase
 - a. 72” brushcat – \$7,393
 - b. 90” mower - \$6,208
 4. John Deere: (True North Equipment of GF) Utility tractor - (new) 2038R compact with 72” deck - \$28,000
 5. Private seller: (West Fargo) - Front mower – used 2017 1585 terraintcut.
 - a. 1680 hours, 72” mower, 60” rotary broom, 59” snowblower, and a buffalo blower \$55,000
 6. Private seller: (TRF) - Tractor and pull behind – sold early this morning. Item taken off table.
 7. Getsman suggested that the Council needs to decide on a piece of equipment and keep the process moving forward. Shortest lead time was 6-8 months possible 1 year before we could see any new equipment.

- c. Send out bids for lawn care at the ponds; will advertise in newspapers and online i.e. facebook
 - i. Getsman spoke to Total Lawn care and they suggested bailing pond prior to hiring someone to maintain the lawn. Chuck Getsman reached out to resident Justin Cameron and he agreed to bail the grass out at the city ponds for free. Cameron will start the process after July 4th.
- d. Street signs – Getsman sent a request to M&R Signs for street sign on the behalf of Councilmember Wagner.
 - i. Quotes came back and the council agreed to purchase 6-8 signs
 - 1. Anderson motioned to purchase 6 -8 signs. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.
 - a. 6-8 signs and any new poles and hardware that may be necessary
 - b. Signs will be 18x18 with high visibility lettering
- e. Tree trimming service – Getsman researched the city’s guidelines for trimming trees, brush and maintenance of sidewalk/right of ways at Councilmember Wagner’s request.
 - i. City has the right to trim trees, and brush if they interfere with public right of way/possibly cause damages or harm to vehicles or persons using said right of way.
 - ii. Councilmember Wagner would like Bowen to send out a letter to our residents with the next utility bill stating that the city is going to have a tree trimming company in town to trim back all low hanging trees and brush that could possibly interfere with public right of way. This will cover all trees and brush on main streets, side streets and alleyways.
- f. Complaints: Chuck received two complaints from a concerned resident.
 - i. There is a half completed shed in neighbors backyard that either needs to be completed or torn down. Afraid that someone could get hurt if it were to fall down or if there was a strong wind it could tear parts off of it and those would go flying into someone’s house or yard.
 - 1. Council has stated that the city can send a letter to owner of said unfinished shed on behalf of concerned resident. However, the council has expressed that they cannot do much more than that. The concerned resident will have to pursue matters themselves if issue is not resolved
 - 2. Fallen Tree in Neighbors yard. Tree is still in back of yard from prior year. Weeds and grass are growing too high around it. The concerned resident has expressed that the poor condition of the neighbor's yard is bringing down our property value and feel that the undergrowth and rotting tree is harboring unwanted pests and rodents.

- a. The former Fire Chief was going to have the volunteer fire fighters remove the tree for the homeowner but it did not happen.
 - b. Council has agreed that we will send the homeowner another letter letting him know he has 30 days to have the matter resolved otherwise the City will step in and the homeowner will be responsible for all expenses.
3. Sidewalk located on Demers in front of Bowden residents.
- a. Council agrees to let resident repair surface of the sidewalk
 - b. Amiot recommends that residents no longer use salt during winter. The present issue is due to overuse of salting the sidewalk.

6) Fire and First Responders

- a. Getsman provided report
- b. Missing child call – found 20 month old girl in farm field unharmed
- c. Eric Quirk is working with the Fire Department to help Public Works remove sandbags
- d. Fire Department's washing machine is still broken. Getsman has been working with repairman for the electrical. Repairman determined that the machine needs a new control board. Waiting to hear back from Proulx in Crookston to order and install the board.
- e. The Mayor would like to meet with Eric Quirk about moving forward as acting Fire Chief.
- f. Council would like there to be a representative at all council meetings to discuss Fire and First Responder issues.
 - i. Would like to have Andrew Knox attend if Eric Quirk cannot

7) Police Department

- a. Theis will speak to residents at the end of 3rd St North in Fisher about dog issues, speeding, and not obeying traffic laws.
- b. Theis spoke with pastor and husband about their dogs that were loose again (not on a leash and wandering around town) and informed them that this will become a police matter if it continues to be an issue.
- c. Theis will look into the van parked in front of 308 3rd St North in front of the Delacruz house. Van has been there all winter and has not moved.

8) 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.

9) Council New Business

- a. Wagner will provide contact information for BNSF mowing billing.
- b. The Mayor stated that the city is waiting to hear more from FEMA. If an emergency is declared and the state reaches the minimum dollar value in damages our city could be reimbursed for all of our cost.
- c. Amiot stated that the City of Fisher levy is not Core Certified. He will continue to confirm this as well as research possible new fixtures to replace, repair, or improve our current culverts.
 - i. Anderson motioned to have Amiot and Getsman work on repairs/improvements together. Seconded by Bakken. No discussion. Motion carries.
- d. Wagner would like AE2S to provide a sidewalk city spec with details and map to pursue city sidewalk repairs. Amiot recommends starting a committee to help keep this process going.

10) Council Issues

- a. none

11) Approve May/June Disbursements

- a. Mitch Bakken and Mark Clauson reviewed bills prior to the meeting.
 - i. Bakken motioned to approve the May/June disbursements of \$25,621.10. Seconded by Clauson. No discussion. Motion carries.

12) Adjourn

- a. Anderon motioned to adjourn the meeting at **9:00** pm. Seconded by Wagner. No discussion. Motion carries.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Getsman
Public Works Director