

## Minutes

June 18, 2024

### General Meeting

- 1) **The meeting was called to order** by Mayor Bob Dablow at 7:00PM.
  - a) Council Members present were Mayor Bob Dablow, Tom Berglind, Adam Jenstead, Toran Thornton and Drew Schwan.
  - b) Others present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Greg Anderson and Jake Vigness.
- 2) **The Pledge of Allegiance** was said.
- 3) **Previous Minutes**
  - a) General Meeting – May 21, 2024  
**A MOTION** was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the general meeting minutes for May 21, 2024. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Schwan and the motion carried.
- 4) **City Attorney** – Zenas Baer – Not present to report. The homeowners of the hazardous property contacted realtor Greg Anderson last week to list the home for sale. The home was listed and has been sold. Zenas contacted the realtor and informed him of what we are in the process of. The buyers were contacted and plan to tear the home down and build a new one. We have tried to communicate with the homeowners for years about the hazards with the property. After the court issued the administrative search warrant the home was listed for sale and the homeowners contacted us asking us to wait until the July meeting to take further action. The buyers were set to close July 12<sup>th</sup>, but await council decision as the issues at the home were not disclosed to the buyers until contacted by Zenas. Zenas has suggested a 90-day abatement resolution to remove the building. We do not want to wait another month to move forward on this issue, but are understanding that potential buyers would possibly need more time to remove the structure. After discussion council decided on 120 days for the abatement resolution, to give potential buyers more time to remove the home.  
**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to adopt an abatement order resolution for parcel # 59.650.0120, giving 120 days to remove the structure. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.
- 5) **City Engineer** – Moore Engineering – Not present to report. Moore is continuing to work on the state lead service line project.
- 6) **Amendments to Agenda** – None.
- 7) **Citizens' Concerns** – There is a home that needs lawn care, neighbors have called in complaints on it. There are many items in the yard that make mowing it difficult for us. Tom will take photos and contact Zenas on next steps.

8) **Water/Sewer Department** – Dave Dickey – Jake Vigness reported the manganese levels had crept up a bit, but he found the issue and fixed it. Lead/copper samples need to be taken for the state. Council members will each take 2 bottles to hand out and return to the office Monday for Jake to send in. The sewer pond discharge was started last week. Routine maintenance to the high service pumps has been set up.

9) **Maintenance Department** – Doug Smith – Not present to report. Doug has added grass seed by the water plant, sprayed for mosquitoes and done a lot of trimming. The fountain has not yet been put into the storm water pond and the pavilion roof in the park needs to be repaired.

#### 10) Old Business

a) **Pay Equity Reporting** – Council reviewed the reporting information to be submitted to the state.

**A MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to approve the pay equity reporting information to be submitted to the state. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

#### 11) New Business

a) **Amateur Radio Days** – Amateur Radio Week June 18 to June 23.

**A MOTION** was made by Adam Jenstead to declare amateur radio week June 18 to 23, 2024. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

b) **TriState Paving** – The street repairs were completed unfortunately they paved a portion of county road that they were told was not approved in June of 2023 when we approved the other repairs. TriState added the county road repairs to our bill. Drew has contacted them on the issue. TriState has requested that we pay 1/3 the repair cost for the county road portion. Due to contractor error, we are in a bad situation, we do not want to get something for nothing, but this was not our mistake. They did good work, but it is not our road to repair. There was much discussion on whether to pay a portion of the repairs due to it being a part of the original bid, but never approved by the council. Upon further research Tom found that the road may also be part of the township and not within city limits.

**A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to pay 1/3 or \$11,180.00 of the cost to repair the county road. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton.

A roll call vote was requested.

Council members voted as follows:

Adam Jenstead – Yea

Bob Dablow – Yea

Tom Berglind – Nay

Drew Schwan – Yea

Toran Thornton – Yea

The motion carries.

12) **Receipts, Disbursements & Claims** – Looked over.

**A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to approve the claims. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

**13) Treasures Report** – Looked over. The 2023 audit has been completed and is consistent with prior years.

**14) Commissioner Reports**

- a) **Health** – Adam Jenstead – Doug has been spraying recently.
- b) **Weeds** – Bob Dablow – Weeds are being cut and will be sprayed soon.
- c) **Fire & Rescue** – Tom Berglind – There have been a few calls and the gutters have been repaired.
- d) **Parks** – Adam Jenstead – Benches have been installed. Adam got an estimate from Dakota Fence for 80 feet of 8ft fence at the ball fields including some repair work to a portion of the existing fence for \$8,545.00. We are still waiting for more bids. The 4-wheeler is being worked on for Doug to use when needed. There was a softball tournament here due to Moorhead shutting down the field they had planned to use. Bob spoke to the group and approved the use of our park for the day. The group sent a \$200.00 donation to the city for use of the field.
- e) **Streets** – Drew Schwan – Nothing new to report.
- f) **Zoning** – Tom Berglind – Tom will review some ordinances for complaints of cars parked on a residential lot.

**15) Adjournment**

**A MOTION** was made by Adam Jenstead to adjourn. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Schwan and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

---

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 7-16-24