

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GWINNER, SARGENT COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT 4 PM IN EMS BUILDING, GWINNER, ND 58040.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karla Ulven, ElRoy Odegard, Dan McKeever, Jerry Zetocha and Linda Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Howey, Paige Kerry, Jeff Leadbetter, Dave Even, Dave Kozok, Kent Thorsen, Harold Rotunda, George Bauer and Jessica Peterson

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McKeever.

The minutes from August were approved. (Karla/ ElRoy)

The council needs some more time to look into the auditor's job description and wages. Karla currently checked into three other towns and Dan checked into two so far. Dan stated that he would like Jessica to be involved in this process.

The council has decided not to put any more bids in at this time for the two large two-story flood homes.

Kent was here with Bituminous Paving, Inc invoices one from #11-1 (Main Street Improvements) for a \$1000.00 adjustment and then one from 12-1 (City Wide Street Improvements) for \$52,256.70. ElRoy made the motion to pay both of them and Linda seconded the motion, all ayes. Karla asked about Fairway addition, Kent said that he will get with Clarmont and look putting in easements in so it can hook up to where Kari Ulven would put the next flood home into. Kent will work on the Fairway Addition in the next couple of days.

Dave Kozok didn't have a police report. The bar street dances seemed to went ok. ElRoy said that he wanted to see more done with the dogs running around loose and more enforcement on the speeding around town. Dave said they he has made some stops for the new stops signs that were put in. Dan also mentioned that he received complaints about the new stop signs on four avenue and third street. The council reviewed and they would like to see the stop signs in for a year and revisit it then. The council agreed that what we have now is not working so let's try something different and a thru street is not an option at this time. Dennis would like to see one stop sign removed on the north side of town on 3rd Ave; Linda made a motion and Jerry seconded the motion all ayes.

Harold sat down with the council to let them know we have city specials out there for \$96,902.91 that we either need to take more levies out or figure out a way to pay for. There would be two ways, one would be to increase taxes or two would be to increase revenue by increasing resident charges. He stated we need to start paying off some of the debt off. Dan asked Harold "What is going to happen when the TIF goes away in a couple of years?" Harold said "It's (taxable valuation) going to double, but we still have some accounts in the hole that we will need to clean up including the golf course, EMS building." There are three parts: TIF is going great, sales tax and the host funds are going decent, and the operations are not so good. Sales tax money really needs to go toward past debt and it can't be spending on everything else. Denny's wish list is just that, the city can't afford to buy all those items. The city will need to go borrow the money from a bank and we will need to approve how we are going to make that money. The council asked Jessica to create a report to show the revenue of the water, sewer, garbage with the usage and base pay. We talked about the budget little bit. One thing that was brought was the school; the main school has not been metered for years. The council asked Dennis to get a new meter in the school to see how much they are using and then we will go from there. Linda also stated "all locations need to metered, if we don't charge that's one thing but we need to know where the water is going." Dennis said he will be working on this. Housing rates was discussed and the community center rates were discussed. Gwinner Housing Authority members will make the decision to up the rates. ElRoy made a motion to change the rate for the Union rent from \$30 to \$50 and the rental for the Community Center will be \$75.00 for the front room or the back room. Karla made a motion to change the rate of the rental office from \$150 to \$200. Linda seconded the motion and Jerry opposed it.

Activity Center had requested a \$2145.50 Ice Cube Machine. The council made the decision to not go with the ice machine.

ElRoy asked about sidewalks and curves on Main Street by elevator bins, Dan would like to table on this until next year.

For building permits: George Bauer requested a building permit for a 24 x 12 shed that will be on the south side of his current garage. George will need to look into Maplewood Drive covenants, as long as it is up to the state building code it will be approved on the city side of things (Linda/ElRoy). Joe Burgard to replace shingles and two new windows (ElRoy/Karla). Cory Timmerman to move in shed- picture provided (Jerry/Karla). Dwight Krueger to move in 1995 mobile home- need pictures (Jerry/Linda). Joe Aberle will be building two new homes it will be in the Renaissance Zone (Jerry/Linda).

Special Permits: Jerry Waswick/Luke Pfaff raffle for Washington DC, North Sargent Public School raffle /bingo (Karla/Linda).

Direct Debit Service has two banks that were interested: Sargent County Bank is \$53.42 a month and Bremer Bank is \$45.35 a month. The city will charge each resident no more than twenty cents a month for the banking fees and it would be charged in the water rates. Linda made the motion to go with Bremer Bank; Karla seconded the motion and all ayes.

Jerry made a motion to let Sargent County levy for the county park. Karla seconded the motion and all ayes.

Bond Issue Resolution for 12-1 Street project. ElRoy made a motion, Karla seconded and all ayes.

Blue flood house= The city received a letter from Anderson's bank stating they can close even though they might not have their other one sold. So Anderson's will have the extra garage and the full basement completed. Jerry made a motion to accept the housing contract and the add-ons, Karla seconded all ayes. The city purchased the "yellow house" and Kari Ulven has put a deposit down. It will go in the Fairway Addition next to Adam W. Wyndmere movers will be the movers on this house for the amount of \$28,000. ElRoy made a motion to accept the mover; Linda seconded the motion and all ayes. We bid out the basement construction, plumbing/ HVAC and electrical. Bid opening will be on September 21st at 5pm. Dan asked Denny to start shaping that road out in the Fairway Addition. ElRoy made a motion to approve the bills and Karla seconded and all ayes.

August bills are the following: AW Diesel \$286.46, Arrowhead \$143.73, Hogness Construction\$7100, Bohnenkamp \$2000, Buhls\$45, DRN\$441.52, Dakota Plains\$870.36, Electric Pump\$3756.33, Full Circle\$1312.01, Fargo Water\$2913.52, One Stop\$415.18, Hills Cabinery\$10038.81, Hawkins\$5367.72, Hansen Lumber \$25.36, Interstate Engineering\$11,740.87, Min-kota Communications \$174.50, Martinson Home center\$10,072.12, Napa\$17.58, ND Dept of Health \$16, ND Insurance Dept \$28.60, Nichole Noonan \$586, Hanson Sanitation\$4100,Sargent County Auditor\$3915.26, Chance Noonan \$110, Office of State Auditor\$165, ND one Call\$36.25, Riverside Building Center\$29.99, RDO Equipment\$104.71, Sargent County Water\$4492, Sargent County Treasurer\$614.65, The Teller\$173, Senses Metering Systems\$1524.60, Teals\$100.14, Titan\$594.30, 3D Specialties\$622.40, Verizonwireless\$96.86, Waste Management\$951.04, Ottetail Power \$12.63, The Springs Golf Course\$2000, Hogness Construction\$1220.63, HansenLumber\$531.64, Blue Trap \$147.97,NDBOA \$130, Ottetail Power \$5547.12, Post Office\$190 and Payroll of \$8645.87.

The meeting was recessed until September 21st at 5pm.

Dan McKeever, Mayor

Jessica Peterson, City Auditor