

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, December 9, 2024, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Denise Ferderer, Glen Koepp, Michelle Odegard, Jodi Ost, Jasmine Smith. Also present: Carol Peterson, Travis Paeper, Scott Johnson, Robert Lotzer, Caleb Christianson, Kylie Christianson, Bryce Hogness, Nichole Kadoun, Tanner Martinson, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna. Mike Bassingthwaite joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

Motion to approve meeting agenda (Ost/Smith, unanimous).

Motion to approve November meeting minutes (Anderson/Odegard, unanimous).

Caleb & Kylie Christianson were in attendance to request council's reconsideration of rezoning their farmed property from residential to agricultural, arguing that what they make from farming the land doesn't cover the taxes and assessments. They asked if it was possible to partition the land and exclude specials from some of it. Mayor Dusek stated the state dictates how property is assessed and taxed and rezoning the property wouldn't eliminate the assessments, but he stated he would contact LeeAnn Even to discuss it further.

Deputy Rick Bryant presented the Sheriff's Report and stated November had been an average, quiet month.

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and stated the plow truck had received a tune-up and was ready for snow, and he had gotten confirmation the wood pile at the landfill can be burned.

Members of the Y.O.U. Inc. board were in attendance to ask the city to grant them a property tax exemption for the new daycare addition. Bryce Hogness explained the taxes on the new addition, alone, would be over \$9200 a year, and the board would like a 5-year exemption. Hogness explained the daycare has a very small profit margin and is not a huge money-maker. With the 5-year exemption, the board believes the daycare could build up their funds and should be able to stand on its own after 5 years.

Motion to approve a 5-year property tax exemption for Y.O.U. Inc. for the new addition of the daycare, which would exempt them \$9245 a year in property taxes (Ferderer/Koepp, with a roll call vote taken with all members present voting aye, no nays). Motion carried.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and informed council the Special Road Fund Grant application, for the road into the park, had been submitted.

Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing the Terms and Conditions of the \$300,000 Water Revenue Bond, Series 2025 (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

Motion to approve 2025 yearly alcohol permit and Sunday opening permit – Lakeview Golf Course (Ferderer/Koepp, unanimous).

Motion to approve two off-site alcohol permits to Hump's Bar & Grill – MACC on 11/22/24 and 4/18/25 (Smith/Ost, unanimous).

Motion to approve purchase of forfeited tax property at 407 2nd Street for the specials amount of \$1203.05 plus \$1 (Ost/Smith, unanimous).

Motion to approve the NDLC Random Drug & Alcohol Testing Contract for 2025 (Ferderer/Smith, unanimous).

Motion to approve Christmas gifts of \$300 cash to the three full-time City employees and to the Economic Development Coordinator (Ferderer/Odegard, unanimous with Smith abstaining).

Motion to approve the city covering half of the cost of repainting the Senior Center, which includes paint and labor, with Josh Ordahl doing the work (Ost/Koepe, unanimous).

The following bills were presented and approved (Smith/Ferderer, unanimous).

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
20161	General	FBLA Keg Inc	25,000.00
20162	General	All School Reunion	3180.00
20163	General	Sargent County Auditor	2814.48
20164	General	Carol Peterson	1362.00
20165	General	Arbor Day Foundation	15.00
20166	General	AW Diesel Service Inc	1446.23
20167	General	Banyon Data Systems Inc	1680.00
20168	General	Crossroads Electric Inc	715.71
20169	General	Dakota Plains Ag	55.00
20170	General	Dickey Rural Networks	374.02
20171	General	Electric Pump	500.00
20172	General	Greater North Dakota Chamber	500.00
20173	General	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	42.94
20174	General	J&M Printing Inc	265.29
20175	General	Jennie Hanna	100.00
20176	General	John Deere Financial	87.20
20177	General	Lee's Service Station	643.70
20178	General	MFOA	40.00
20179	General	Midwest Pest Control Inc.	85.00
20180	General	Milnor Market	21.96
20181	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	208.01
20182	General	ND League of Cities	140.00
20183	General	Otter Tail Power Company	3336.48
20184	General	Sargent County Auditor	1204.05
20185	General	Stock Growers Bank	1200.00
20186	General	Terry Dusek	129.05
20187	General	The Sargent County Teller	230.92
20188	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1344.51
20189	General	Newman Signs Inc	52.00
20190	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5942.98
20191	General	Milnor Postmaster	179.76
20192	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4905.00
20193	General	Interstate Engineering Inc	1704.12

20194	General	Verizon Wireless	126.87
20195	General	Stock Growers Bank	475.00
20196	General	Milnor Park Board	4415.98
20197	General	Library Fund	149.31
20198	General	Airport Authority	157.44
20199	General	Debt Service Fund	4008.15
20200	General	Debt Service Fund	1539.87
20201	General	Marcia Schutt	250.00
20201	General	Eileen Vail	250.00
20202	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6770.23
20203	General	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3031.41
3623	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	4276.35
3624	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	646.00
3625	Debt Service	Banyon Data Systems Inc	840.00
3626	Debt Service	Chemistry Lab	64.09
3627	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3628	Debt Service	D Excavating	1800.00
3629	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	2011.84
3630	Debt Service	Jennie Hanna	37.76
3631	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc	22.50
3632	Debt Service	Swede's Plumbing	1600.00
3633	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1029.81
3634	Debt Service	Marcia Schutt	250.00
3635	Debt Service	Eileen Vail	250.00
3636	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1255.67
6140	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	844.08
6141	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	166.23
6142	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1510.00
6143	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1882.71
6144	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6145	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	1249.10
6146	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1675.50
6147	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2123.82
6148	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6149	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	447.69
6150	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
245E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	368.20
246E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	435.30
247E	Payroll	ND State Tax Commissioner	50.37
EFTPS 12	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	3226.15
1035	Airport	Midwest Pest Control	85.00
1085	Library	Milnor Public School	635.15

The regular January meeting will be held on Monday, 5:00 p.m., January 13, 2025.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Ferderer, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor