

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, August 5, 2024, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Denise Ferderer, Michelle Odegard, Jodi Ost, Jasmine Smith. Glen Koepp joined the meeting later. Also present: Rick Bryant, Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

After review and discussion on various items in the proposed budget, including the fact the total budget increased less than \$2000 from the previous year, a motion was made by Member Anderson to adopt the preliminary budget for 2025. The motion for approval of the preliminary budget for 2025 was seconded by Member Smith, with a roll call vote taken with Members Anderson, Ferderer, Odegard, Ost, and Smith voting aye. Member Koepp was absent for the vote. No nays. Where upon, the motion passed and the final 2025 budget review and adoption is scheduled for September 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., to be followed by the regular Council monthly meeting. Meeting was later changed to September 10, 2024.

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

Motion to approve July and Organizational meeting minutes (Odegard/Ost, unanimous).

Deputy Rick Bryant reviewed the Sheriff's Report and reported it had been a typical month. He informed council the golf course burglary case had been solved, and there is an ongoing SEMCA investigation.

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and presented council with an estimate of \$1676.50 for weed chemical to spray at Northview.

Motion to approve purchase of chemical for \$1676.50 (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Smith informed council the new mower had been ordered, he was still spraying for mosquitos, and he was waiting for the right temperature to fill in road cracks.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development report and informed council the asbestos found in the Tayer Building would be removed in August. Peterson stated she had sent out requests to various companies for bids to remove the building. Peterson informed council the city would be reimbursed for the Tayer Building removal, once the project was completed. Mayor Dusek stated the interim funds could possibly come out of the Street 15 fund.

Motion to approve building permit to Ryan & Jasmine Smith - Roof and gutter replacement for house and garage (Ferderer/Ost, unanimous with Smith abstaining).

Motion to approve gaming permits to Milnor WELCA – raffle and YOU, Inc. - raffle (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Council discussed the city-wide cleanup day, which is scheduled for September 12. Regular trash will not be picked up, and there was a discussion about what would be accepted and what could be taken to the dump or the city shop. Residents will only be billed if they use the service.

Motion to approve Pledge of Securities ended June 30, 2024 – Stock Growers Bank (Ost/Smith, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek asked Members Koepp and Ferderer to conduct a tree survey and put together a list of residents with dead trees and piles of branches. Letters will then be sent to the listed residents.

Council discussed two letters of complaint that had been submitted regarding properties with a number of unlicensed or dead cars and unkempt yards. LeeAnn Even stated that unless you are allowed on the property to inspect, unlicensed vehicles are hard to prove, and the process for removal is slow. Mayor Dusek stated Bill Schonhoff could be contacted to remove cars. Mayor Dusek asked for volunteers to talk to some of the owners.

There was a discussion about the Northview setback regulation of 40' and how it may be too much. Council agreed 35' would be a better distance.

Motion to change the Northview setback regulation from 40' to 35' (Ost/Smith, unanimous).

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
20034	General	Glen D. Koeppe & Barbara Koeppe	13,453.81
20035	General	Sargent County Recorder	20.00
20037	General	Sargent County Recorder	20.00
20038	General	Sargent County Auditor	2814.48
20039	General	Carol Peterson	1362.00
20040	General	Auto Value Wahpeton	74.99
20041	General	Dakota Plains Ag	513.85
20042	General	Dickey Rural Networks	367.75
20043	General	End of the Woods Task Force	1000.00
20044	General	Even Law Office, PLLC	480.00
20045	General	HES, Inc.	1440.00
20046	General	Jeff Halmrast	240.00
20047	General	John Deere Financial	521.17
20048	General	Lee's Service Station	461.00
20049	General	Midwest Pest Control Inc.	85.00
20050	General	Milnor Market	16.20
20051	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	112.82
20053	General	Otter Tail Power Company	3782.26
20054	General	Riteway	110.83
20055	General	Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	1439.00
20056	General	The Sargent County Teller	156.48
20057	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1354.97
20058	General	Payroll Account 61-639	7205.42
20059	General	Verizon Wireless	126.77
20060	General	Milnor Postmaster	181.44
20061	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4905.00
20062	General	Milnor Postmaster	73.00
20063	General	Milnor Postmaster	55.20
20064	General	Milnor Park Board	1012.57
20065	General	Library Fund	459.50
20066	General	Airport Authority	59.29

20067	General	Debt Service Fund	3809.77
20068	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6216.50
20069	General	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3031.41
3579	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	4298.13
3580	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	458.00
3581	Debt Service	Banyon Data Systems Inc	595.00
3582	Debt Service	Chemistry Lab	436.90
3583	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3584	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	746.58
3585	Debt Service	Interstate Engineering Inc	9007.32
3586	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc	10.50
3587	Debt Service	Riteway	36.95
3588	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1300.30
3589	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1176.96
3578	Debt Service	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3031.41
6096	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	1083.33
6097	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	166.23
6098	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1745.86
6099	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2394.52
6100	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6101	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	905.84
6102	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1475.99
6103	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2207.72
6104	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6105	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	447.69
6106	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
231E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	451.32
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EFTPS 8	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	3532.71
1030	Airport	Airport Association of ND	100.00

The regular September and Final Budget meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., September 9, 2024, which was changed to Tuesday, September 10.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Smith, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor