

The organizational meeting of the Milnor City Council was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., with the following members present: Curtis Anderson and Nannette Severson, re-elected council member Monty Haugen and newly elected council members Edwin (Bud) Heinert, Austin Roeder and Ryan Weber. Absent: None. Also present: Carol Peterson, Mary Engst, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order and newly elected council members were welcomed by Mayor Terry Dusek.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda (Haugen/Severson, unanimous).

There was a discussion regarding the election results. Member Haugen and Member Weber had both won 4-year terms. Member Roeder had won a 4-year term by write-in votes, and Member Heinert had won a 2-year unexpired term by write-in votes.

Motion to accept the 2020 election results (Haugen/Anderson, unanimous).

Newly elected city officials, Bud Heinert, Austin Roeder and Ryan Weber and re-elected city official, Monty Haugen submitted and took the Oath of Office.

Nominations were opened for Council President. Haugen nominated Nannette Severson for President, with Weber seconding. A unanimous ballot was cast.

Nominations were opened for Council Vice President. Haugen nominated Curtis Anderson for Vice-President, with Weber seconding. A unanimous ballot was cast.

The following portfolio, committee and board memberships were appointed:

Airport Authority – Monty Haugen
Animal Control – Curtis Anderson & Austin Roeder
Beautification – Curtis Anderson & Ryan Weber
Bike/Walking Path – Curtis Anderson & Nannette Severson
Compliance – Curtis Anderson & Terry Dusek
Dakota State Line Regional Alliance – Portfolio was Deleted
Employees – Terry Dusek & Nannette Severson
Equipment & Maintenance – Terry Dusek, Monty Haugen & Ryan Weber
Finance – Terry Dusek & Nannette Severson
Freedom Park – Curtis Anderson & Austin Roeder
Housing Authority – Monty Haugen & Bud Heinert
Industrial Park – Austin Roeder & Ryan Weber
Library Board – Nannette Severson
Milnor Area Community Center – Ryan Weber
Park Board – Austin Roeder
Policing – Bud Heinert & Nannette Severson
Real Estate – Terry Dusek
Recycling – Terry Dusek & Ryan Weber
Renaissance Zone Authority – Terry Dusek, Monty Haugen & Lacey Ferderer
SC Job Development Authority (Recommendation to SC/Appointed by SC) Terry Dusek
Sewer/Streets/Water – Bud Heinert, Austin Roeder, Nannette Severson & Ryan Weber
Shade Tree – Monty Haugen & Bud Heinert
Weed Control – Curtis Anderson & Monty Haugen

Motion to approve portfolio, committee and board membership appointments as presented (Severson/Weber, unanimous).

Council Members received guidelines and responsibilities associated with the office of Council Member and with the assignment of committees and portfolios.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Jennie Hanna as City Auditor (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Motion to retain the legal services of Even Law Office (Haugen/Severson, unanimous).

Motion to retain the engineering services of Interstate Engineering (Haugen/Severson, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek informed the council the total cost for the new freezers and coolers for the grocery store totaled \$160,000. He explained he would like to pay the cost by using \$50,000 from the Sebens Fund and by borrowing the remaining \$110,000 from Sargent County Bank at a 2.9% interest rate. The yearly payment would be \$12,829.63. Dusek stated the city would receive \$6000/year in rent from Cory Zacher to put towards the yearly payment. He also stated once the city had fulfilled their \$5000 yearly payment commitment to the MACC in 2 years, the city could convert that payment over to the grocery store loan payment. Mayor Dusek stated the remaining \$1829.63 would come out of the sales tax fund. In the meantime, until the MACC payments were fulfilled, the \$6829.63 would come out of the sales tax fund.

Motion to approve moving forward with the \$110,000 loan from Sargent County Bank to pay for the freezers and coolers (Severson/Haugen, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye, no nays. Motion passed).

There was a discussion regarding a building permit submitted by IB and BG, LLC to move a trailer into the Park Lane Addition. If the building permit was approved, the city would move forward with a purchase agreement with IB and BG, LLC. The cost of the lot would be \$2000.

Motion to approve the building permit for IB and BG, LLC to move a trailer into the Park Lane addition and to move forward with a purchase agreement (Severson/Roeder, unanimous).

There was a discussion regarding a purchase agreement between the city and Rory and Shine Morrison to purchase the former Thomas lot for \$100. They plan to build a house on the lot and agree to present a building permit to the council with their plans.

Motion to approve the purchase agreement between the city and Rory and Shine Morrison for the former Thomas lot for \$100 (Severson/Haugen, unanimous).

The regular July meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor