

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, March 11, 2019, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Merrill Decker, Charles Faber, Monty Haugen, Eric Hoff and Nannette Severson. Also present: Carol Peterson, Robert Lotzer, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna. Sheriff Travis Paeper, Richard Bryant and Mary Engst joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

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

Motion to approve the regular February and Montana-Dakota Utilities special meeting minutes (Decker/Haugen, unanimous).

The Maintenance Report was unavailable.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report. She went over her February log and discussed the cost of street lighting she had received from Otter Tail. Since a number of street lights had been recently updated to LED, the cost would soon go up per light. She described the two different light pole choices they had available and the costs and pros and cons associated with each. The city could purchase their own poles but would be responsible for all maintenance and repair. She reported that she was working on some cost numbers for the proposed Storm Lake observation deck but still needed some information from Ryan Smith before finalizing a grant proposal.

Carol Peterson also discussed two potential Renaissance Zone project applications from IB & BG LLC (Issac Biss and Beau Goolsbey) for a house at 665 Main Street (formerly Larry Bachman's residence) and the building at 404 Main Street (Milnor Legion Hall). Both involve complete gutting and renovation. She stated that the applications had already been approved by the RZ Advisory Board.

Motion to approve the RZ project applications received from IB & BG LLC for the properties located at 665 Main Street and 404 Main Street (Faber/Hoff, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek proposed raising the wage for the city's part-time employee. There was a council discussion regarding the current wage, what kind of work is being done, and what the new wage should be. The current wage is \$10.50 an hour.

Motion to approve raising the part-time employee's wage to \$15.00 an hour (Anderson/Faber, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek reported that there were a few residents who are refusing to pay the fee for recycling service. He stated that he is going to direct the city attorney, LeeAnn Even, to send out letters to the current residents who have refused to pay for recycling, explaining that a number of meetings had been held discussing recycling service, and that it had been discussed that each resident would be charged the fee, whether they used the service or not. The council had voted for recycling service, and it was now part of the utility services in the city. He stated that if somebody refuses to pay, they will be delinquent on their utility bill and risk having their utility services discontinued, including having their water shut off.

Mayor Dusek gave the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 27, which had been updated with the changes made by LeeAnn Even and approved by Montana-Dakota Utilities.

Motion to approve the second reading and passage of proposed Ordinance No. 27, which would allow Montana-Dakota Utilities a natural gas distribution franchise within the city (Haugen/Hoff, with a roll call vote taken with members Anderson, Decker, Faber, Haugen, Hoff and Severson voting aye, no nays).

There was a discussion regarding the pipeline construction and who would be responsible for possible accidents, damage or loss of business for a local business. Mayor Dusek stated the construction crew would be responsible for damages or accidents, but he was unsure about loss of business. He said he would look into it.

Mayor Dusek reviewed the discussion of the flood mitigation meeting held at the city office on February 28. It was attended by himself, Members Haugen and Decker, Ryan Smith, Richard Kaufmann and Jennie Hanna. The group had gone over flood potential, the number of sandbags in inventory, pump type owned by the city, the box culverts that had been installed, and other different aspects. Member Faber asked if some of the piled-up snow in the city could be hauled out. Mayor Dusek said he wasn't opposed to the idea, but questioned the cost and where it could be hauled to. Mayor Dusek stated that more meetings may need to be held depending on how much more snow or rain we get. The council discussed several culverts, within the city, that need maintenance.

Mayor Dusek presented an updated quote of \$2283.31 for security cameras and system from Dickey Rural Networks (DRN). At the regular February council meeting, the council had requested some additions and updates, and the new quote reflected those changes. Member Decker questioned whether local businesses could utilize an available camera port, if they wanted. Mayor Dusek stated that he didn't think DRN would allow that. Member Hoff compared the city's quote with a different quote he had seen for a similar system, and he stated that it was reasonable.

Motion to approve the quote and purchase from Dickey Rural Networks for a security camera system for the city for \$2283.31 (Anderson/Severson, unanimous).

Sheriff Travis Paeper presented the Sheriff's Report. He stated that Richard Bryant had decided to stay on with the Sheriff's Office and would be back around the beginning of April. The department will be interviewing for the current open position this Friday and said they would appreciate a council member's presence, since Sheriff Paeper is hoping to place the new deputy in Milnor. Sheriff Paeper also discussed the task force presence in the city, snowmobile traffic, flood mitigation and upcoming scam awareness meetings.

Mayor Dusek stated Wendy Willprecht, the Sargent County 911 coordinator, will be holding an Emergency Management meeting in April. He stated that the city needs to synchronize their sirens, establish siren protocol, and he also brought up the possibility of an additional siren on the north end of town.

The following bills were presented and approved (Haugen/Severson, unanimous).

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
17986	General	Sargent County Auditor	2143.79
17987	General	Carol Peterson	1050.00
17988	General	Crossroads Electric Inc.	547.07
17989	General	Dakota Plains Ag	1507.39
17990	General	Dickey Rural Networks	349.78
17991	General	Even Law Office PLLC	110.00
17992	General	John Deere Financial	15.66
17993	General	Lee's Service Station	39.00
17994	General	Lillegard, Inc.	135.43
17995	General	MFOA	30.00

17996	General	Richard Kaufmann	50.61
17997	General	S.E.M.C.A.	1000.00
17998	General	The Sargent County Teller	310.74
17999	General	Wahpeton Daily News	418.56
18000	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1148.00
18001	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	1750.00
18002	General	Verizon Wireless	76.32
18003	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5949.59
18004	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc.	4368.00
18005	General	Richard Kaufmann	137.40
18006	General	Library Fund	1591.11
18007	General	Development Inc.	.01
18008	General	Airport Authority	8935.97
18009	General	Debt Service Fund	200,814.49
18010	General	Milnor Park Board	1804.01
18011	General	Payroll Account 61-639	4810.74
2934	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	3271.50
2935	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	616.00
2936	Debt Service	John Deere Financial	11.26
2937	Debt Service	ND Department of Health	16.00
2938	Debt Service	General Fund	1750.00
2939	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1123.56
2940	Debt Service	City of Milnor	108.15
2941	Debt Service	Richard Kaufmann	137.40
2942	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	860.64
2943	Debt Service	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	2636.41
5316	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	138.52
5317	Payroll	Robert L. Gregor	29.09
5318	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1291.40
5319	Payroll	Richard A. Kaufmann	1773.06
5320	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1619.94
5321	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	320.82
5322	Payroll	Robert L. Gregor	212.89
5323	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1055.84
5324	Payroll	Richard A. Kaufmann	1132.84
5325	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1489.87
5326	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	292.32
5327	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	402.09
5328	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	14.46
5329	Payroll	ND State Tax Commissioner	319.94
EFTPS 3	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	2862.77
826	Airport	Dickey Rural Networks	116.56
827	Airport	Midwest Pest Control	60.00

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Library

Milnor Public School

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The regular April meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2019.

Motion to adjourn (Haugen/Hoff, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor