

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Denise Ferderer, Glen Koepp, Jodi Ost, Jasmine Smith. Absent: Michelle Odegard. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Mike Bassingthwaite, Lynn Johnson, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

There was a discussion regarding the adoption of the final 2025 budget. Lynn Johnson questioned the increase in taxes. Mayor Dusek stated the city was only levying approximately \$2000 more than they had the previous year, and the increases were due to other entities and their increased levies.

Motion to approve the adoption of the 2025 final budget (Ost/Ferderer, roll call vote taken with all members present voting aye, no nays. Absent: Odegard). Motion carried.

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

Motion to approve August meeting minutes (Ferderer/Ost, unanimous).

Mike Bassingthwaite reviewed the Engineer's Report and stated the pocket park concrete still needed a better fix than had been provided by the contractor. Bassingthwaite said the final payment to the contractor could be withheld until the issue was resolved. There was a discussion regarding applying for a special road fund grant to pave the road into the park. The grant would cover 60% of the project and has a \$300,000 project cap. The application is due by November 30. Bassingthwaite stated he would work up a cost estimate using the numbers that had been compiled previously.

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and stated the inspection of the lift stations, lagoon and pumphouse had gone well. Smith informed council he'd like to get a garage door opener for the shop and would look into prices. Mayor Dusek stated the city shop isn't currently hooked up to city water and asked Ryan to talk to Swede's Plumbing to determine what it will take to get hooked up.

LeeAnn Even reviewed the Attorney's Report and reviewed the Resolution Authorizing the Assignment of Paying Agent and Bond Registrar Designation to AMKO Services LLC. She explained why AMKO was requesting the resolution and stated she had no issues with it. Mayor Dusek read the resolution.

Motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Assignment of Paying Agent and Bond Registrar Designation to AMKO Services LLC, and Authorizing the Execution of the Paying Agent Registrar Agreement with AMKO Bond Services, LLC (Anderson/Ost with a roll call vote taken with all members present voting aye. No nays. Absent: Odegard). Motion carried.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development report and reviewed the Main Street Summit she had attended in Watford City. Peterson discussed the Fall Festival Decorating Contest, the Christmas Drawings and New Business Incentives for Urban Alley.

Motion to approve gaming permits to Milnor Satellite Club – raffle and raffle boards (Smith/Ferderer, unanimous).

Motion to renew the rental agreement of \$380/month between the city and the Senior Citizen's Club for the Milnor Community Center for 5 years. (Ost/Ferderer, unanimous).

A Swede's Plumbing invoice for Evelyn Loomis from Fall 2023 was presented to council. Loomis was asking for reimbursement from the city for work done on the house she had owned at 310 7th Avenue. Ryan Smith stated he'd talk to Swede's Plumbing about it.

Jennie Hanna asked if \$2134.84 could be moved from the General Fund to cover the Garbage Fund deficit.

Motion to approve moving \$2134.84 from the General Fund to the Garbage Fund (Ferderer/Koeppe, unanimous).

There was a discussion about a new gate for the landfill. Member Anderson was asked to talk with Roger Gibbon about getting materials. Ryan Smith stated he could weld the gate.

Members Koeppe and Ferderer had conducted a tree survey and put together a list of residents with dead trees and piles of branches. Ferderer stated she would email the list to Jennie Hanna to send out letters.

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
20070	General	Sargent County Auditor	2814.48
20071	General	Carol Peterson	2273.43
20072	General	Auto Value Wahpeton	374.98
20073	General	Dakota Plains Ag	93.00
20074	General	Department of Transportation	10,152.99
20075	General	Dickey Rural Networks	367.84
20076	General	HES, Inc.	6900.00
20077	General	In Control Inc	546.00
20078	General	Interstate Engineering Inc	2036.20
20079	General	John Deere Financial	35.20
20080	General	Lee's Service Station	248.00
20081	General	Midwest Pest Control Inc.	85.00
20082	General	Milnor Market	2.99
20083	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	103.76
20084	General	Nathan Sundquist	7065.00
20085	General	ODP Business Solutions, LLC	149.91
20086	General	Otter Tail Power Company	3835.85
20087	General	The Sargent County Teller	495.56
20088	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1354.97
20089	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6292.55
20090	General	Verizon Wireless	126.85
20091	General	Milnor Postmaster	181.44
20092	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4890.00
20093	General	Milnor Park Board	4187.94
20094	General	Library Fund	117.68
20095	General	Airport Authority	230.97
20096	General	Debt Service Fund	25,225.80

20097	General	Debt Service Fund	46,020.10
20098	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6370.03
20099	General	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3031.41
3590	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	4184.38
3591	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	469.00
3592	Debt Service	Chemistry Lab	183.52
3593	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3594	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	7096.53
3595	Debt Service	Interstate Engineering Inc	752.30
3596	Debt Service	Jeremy Bixby	303.43
3597	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc	15.00
3598	Debt Service	Stock Growers Bank	46.25
3599	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1131.85
3600	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1199.16
6107	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	959.09
6108	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	166.23
6109	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1510.00
6110	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2054.72
6111	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6112	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	1083.33
6113	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1530.41
6114	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2115.42
6115	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6116	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	447.69
6117	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
234E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	392.68
235E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	411.04
236E	Payroll	ND State Tax Commissioner	82.89
EFTPS 9	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	3248.89
1084	Library	Milnor Public School	651.16

The regular October meeting will be held at Tuesday, 5:00 p.m., October 15, 2024.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Koeppe, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor