

The Milnor City Council convened for a special meeting at the Milnor Community Center at 6:30 p.m., Monday, February 4, 2019. Council members present: Curtis Anderson, Merril Decker, Monty Haugen and Nannette Severson. Absent: Charles Faber and Eric Hoff. Also present: Jeremy Fischer, Gary Speidel, Larry Oswald, Craig Lohstreter, Jayden Veil, Robert Gregor, Mary Engst, Carol Peterson, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Mayor Terry Dusek called the meeting order.

Jeremy Fischer, of Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU), thanked the city for the support in their effort to bring natural gas to the city and stated that MDU would start construction on the pipeline to the city as soon as the weather cooperated. Installation in the city would start this summer. They will start from the north, where pipeline is already established, and work south. They will complete the main lines first. MDU plans to issue a press release the following morning to the local press, and they had sent postcards to the residents and businesses to let them know.

Mayor Dusek thanked Jeremy and Carol Peterson for all the work they had done.

Member Decker questioned how invasive pipeline installation was going to be in residential yards. MDU said that a majority of installation was done by boring the pipeline in the ground, and disturbance to yards is minimal. They stated that they would come into the house in the location that makes the most sense. They use stainless steel pipe for product transport, and they supply pipe to the meter. The owner is responsible for anything done within the residence. MDU stated that since this will be a new system, they have the benefit of building it to fit the needs of the customers.

MDU stated that their representatives will be here only as often as necessary for now, but they will keep trying to sign up new customers. Jeremy Fischer will be the point man for new accounts. Before construction begins, they want to sign on as a franchise in the city, in order to establish right-of- ways.

Motion to adjourn (Severson/Haugen, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor