

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, August 8, 2022, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Monty Haugen, Jodi Ost and Austin Roeder. Absent: Jasmine Smith and Ryan Weber. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Rick Bryant, Scott Johnson, Mary Engst, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

Council reviewed and discussed the proposed preliminary budget. Mayor Dusek informed council the city had not received the preliminary valuations yet, so the preliminary budget is based on an estimate of an 8% valuation increase. This is more dollars than the city levied for last year, but the mills stay close to the same. The final levy amount may be reduced depending on the valuation, once the city receives it. A motion was made by Member Roeder to adopt the preliminary budget for 2023. The motion for approval of the preliminary budget was seconded by Member Anderson, with all the Members present voting in favor. Where upon, the motion passed and the final 2023 budget review and adoption is scheduled for September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., to be followed by the regular Council monthly meeting.

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

Motion to approve the July meeting minutes (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Deputy Rick Bryant reviewed the Sheriff's report and stated although there had been an uptick in service calls during the month, things remain fairly quiet. He informed council of an ongoing dog bite investigation the sheriff's office is conducting and stated parking at the apartment building has improved.

Carol Peterson presented quotes for electronic speed signs for the airport road. After discussion, council decided on 2 signs from Traffic Logix.

Motion to approve purchase of 2 electronic speed signs from Traffic Logix for \$5298 (Roeder/Anderson, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek informed council the walking path section along Main Street is in need of repair and sealing. Dusek stated the city would consult with Buck Paving regarding getting a quote for the work.

Mayor Dusek presented a 2nd reading of the Resolution to Vacate, which would vacate 5th Street between Lots 1-16, Block Ten (10) and Lots 9-24, Block Eleven (11) of Original Addition. Once approved the resolution will be published and recorded.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Vacate as presented (Haugen/Roeder, with a roll call vote taken with all members present voting aye, no nays. Absent: Smith and Weber). Motion passed.

Attorney LeeAnn Even reviewed Ordinance Chapter 6 and stated everything looked acceptable, aside from some minor edits. Council will approve Chapter 6 at the September meeting, after the edits are completed.

Mayor Dusek brought up an issue of whether the city would be willing to sell 2 lots in Northview to the same person. When Northview had been created, it had been agreed it would be one lot, one house. There have been parties interested in purchasing 2 lots at a time. There was a discussion between bringing more families in by selling 2 lots at a time versus how large the lots actually are. Carol Peterson suggested the city get maps made with more readable numbers to show the measurements of each lot.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and informed council the city will need to renew the Renaissance Zone with the state in 2023. Peterson stated the guidelines may need to be updated before renewal. Peterson also informed council she'd like to have another Scarecrow Festival this fall, with \$100 in prize money, which council agreed to. Peterson presented two RZ applications for approval.

Motion to approve the RZ project application from Martinsen Home Center, Inc. for the new construction of a new home located at 512 Sebens Drive, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as Lot 5, Block 2, Peterson Subdivision of the City of Milnor, North Dakota. Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 25 (Haugen/Anderson, unanimous). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the RZ project application from James and Carol Peterson for the renovation/rehab of home at 241 2nd Avenue, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as Lot 9 and 10, Block 1, Swanson Addition of the City of Milnor, North Dakota. Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 36. (Haugen/Anderson). Motion carried.

Mayor Dusek informed council Ron & Denise Ferderer are interested in purchase the lot next to them, owned by the city. Council agreed to sell the lot for \$100.

Motion to sell the city lot to Ron & Denise Ferderer for \$100 (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Motion to approve off-site alcohol permit for The Schoolhouse for Pearson/DuBord wedding dance at MACC (Haugen/Ost, unanimous).

Motion to approve building permits for Jim & Carol Peterson – Home Renovation & Rehab and Dayna Engst – Roof & Siding Replacement (Haugen/Roeder, unanimous).

Motion to approve Stock Grower's Bank Pledge of Securities Ended June 30, 2022 (Haugen/Ost, unanimous).

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
19276	General	Sargent County Auditor	2458.49
19277	General	Carol Peterson	1201.00
19278	General	Auto Value Wahpeton	67.00
19279	General	Bituminous Paving Inc.	7625.00
19280	General	Crossroads Electric Inc.	345.68
19281	General	D Excavating	10585.00
19282	General	Dakota Plains Ag	463.94
19283	General	Dickey Rural Networks	366.93
19284	General	Even Law Office, PLLC	125.00
19285	General	Hansen Lumber & Hardware	23.56
19286	General	John Deere Financial	153.94
19287	General	Lee's Service Station	574.50
19288	General	Midwest Pest Control Inc.	170.00
19289	General	Milnor Market	2.99
19290	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	104.00
19291	General	NDSWRA	90.00

19292	General	Summit Companies	415.25
19293	General	Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	1198.50
19294	General	The Sargent County Teller	351.44
19295	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1340.35
19296	General	Library Fund	37.65
19297	General	Airport Authority	329.44
19298	General	Debt Service Fund	3069.80
19299	General	Library Fund	468.00
19300	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6177.88
19301	General	Verizon Wireless	72.17
19302	General	Sargent County Recorder	20.00
19303	General	Otter Tail Power Company	1988.36
19304	General	Sargent County Recorder	20.00
19305	General	Milnor Postmaster	141.24
19306	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc.	4890.00
19307	General	Sargent County Recorder	20.00
19308	General	Milnor Park Board	725.00
19309	General	Library Fund	84.50
19310	General	Airport Authority	78.45
19311	General	Debt Service Fund	2093.20
19312	General	Debt Service Fund	1242.39
19313	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6221.15
19314	General	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	2676.75
3349	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	4532.10
3350	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	450.00
3351	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3352	Debt Service	D Excavating	1979.10
3353	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	2516.58
3354	Debt Service	John Deere Financial	17.27
3355	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc	5.20
3356	Debt Service	Milnor Postmaster	64.80
3357	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1125.50
3358	Debt Service	Recorders Charts And Pens LLC	326.29
3359	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1180.50
5816	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	818.84
5817	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	138.52
5818	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1452.43
5819	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1991.94
5820	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	627.00
5821	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	926.88
5822	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1454.78
5823	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2032.47
5824	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	627.00

5825	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	402.35
5826	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	10.00
150E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	387.84
151E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	401.92
EFTPS 8	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	3305.71
972	Airport	Dickey Rural Networks	128.28
973	Airport	Midwest Pest Control	85.00
928	Sebens	Milnor Market	4070.00

The Final Budget adoption and regular September meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., September 12, 2022.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor