

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, July 12, 2021, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Monty Haugen, Bud Heinert, Nannette Severson and Ryan Weber. Absent: Austin Roeder. Also present: Carol Peterson, City Attorney LeeAnn Even, Deputy Richard Bryant, City Engineer Kent Thoreson, Mike Bassingthwaite, Mary Engst, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

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

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

Interstate Engineering's Mike Bassingthwaite presented the 2 rebids submitted for the Park Road Paving Project. The low bid of \$137,829.50 was submitted by Central Specialties, Inc., which would leave a remaining cost of \$102,000 - \$105,000 to the city. He stated the grant is good through February 2022, but the city can reject the current bids and request a 1-year extension. The city would then need to rebid the project at that time. Member Heinert questioned whether specials could be assessed to help pay the city's cost. Mayor Dusek stated there would be no specials, and the city can't finance the cost at this time. Member Severson stated she thought the city should reject the bids and apply for an extension.

Motion to reject the current bids for the Park Road Paving Project and apply for an extension to the current grant (Anderson/Severson, unanimous).

City Attorney LeeAnn Even informed council John Buskohl plans to purchase more land from Dick Ruby, south of his current parcel. She asked Kent Thoreson if road access is needed in the future for other parcels. Thoreson stated road access will not be needed.

Deputy Richard Bryant reviewed the Sheriff's Report and stated there had been a SEMCA-led investigation with Sargent County into 2 residences in the city, which had led to arrests. Bryant stated he would request more patrol on the golf course street.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and RZ minutes for 2 project applications approved by the RZ board and a finalized RZ project being presented to council for approval.

Motion to approve the RZ project application from Lance and Danielle Hogness for the construction of their primary residence located at 620 Sebens Drive, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as - That part of Outlot B in Auditor's Plat No. 1, 1906 to the City of Milnor, Sargent County, ND, described as follows: A strip of land beginning at a point 660 feet Northeast of the Northeast boundary line of Main Street as extended, according to the Plat of the Original Townsite of the City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota, in a Northwesterly direction across the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Nine (9) in Township One Hundred Thirty-two (132) North, of Range Fifty-four (54), West of the Fifth principal Meridian, and 330 feet Northwest of the Northwesterly boundary line of Sixth Avenue, according to the Plat of the Original Townsite of the City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota; thence Northwest, on a line parallel to the said Northeast boundary line of the extension of Main Street, a distance of 330 feet; thence at right angles a distance of 132 feet; thence at right angles a distance of 330 feet; thence at right angles a distance of 132 feet to the point of beginning. Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 25. (Weber/Severson, unanimous). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the RZ project application from Dakota Dirt Coffee Co. LLC for the construction of a 2,560 square foot building located at 122 Ruby Road, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as - Lot 2

Block 1 Ruby Second Industrial Addition, City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota.
(Weber/Severson, unanimous). Motion carried.

Motion to approve the finalized RZ project application from Terrance Dusek for the renovation of his primary residence located at 404 – 2nd St., Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as Lots 17 & 18 Block 29 of the Original Addition to the City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota (Parcel # 25-7532000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 32 (Haugen/Severson, unanimous) Motion carried.

Peterson reviewed the Beautification Contest, which had 3 entries, and how judging was being conducted. She asked council to consider holding the contest again the following summer.

Motion to approve continuing the Beautification Contest in 2022 (Severson/Haugen, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek informed council the city pickup had been sold for \$650, and that the employee committee had interviewed Jeremy Bixby for the open maintenance position. Dusek stated benefits would begin after a 30-day probation, and they would like to offer Bixby \$19/hour as a starting salary.

Motion to approve hiring Jeremy Bixby at \$19/hour (Weber/Haugen, unanimous).

Motion to approve Building Permit from Lance & Danielle Hogness – house with attached garage (Anderson/Severson, unanimous).

Motion to approve Off-Site Alcohol Permits from Lakeview Golf Course – July 17 All-School Reunion Banquet at MACC & October 9 Wedding Dance at MACC (Severson/Weber, unanimous).

Motion to approve Pledge of Securities for June 30, 2021 from Stock Grower’s Bank (Severson/Weber, unanimous).

Motion to approve the 2020 Drinking Water Quality Report as completed and accepted by the NDDH Drinking Water Program (Severson/Weber, unanimous).

Member Weber asked council to reconsider their decision to leave the 9 p.m. whistle on the sirens. He informed council the whistle wakes up his and other children in the area, and he’d spoken to neighbors who also would like the 9 p.m. whistle removed. He informed council he had talked with residents in neighboring cities about their whistle times, and those cities do not have a 9 p.m. whistle.

Motion to remove the 9 p.m. whistle from all city sirens (Weber/Anderson, unanimous).

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
18857	General	Sargent County Recorder	20.00
18858	General	Sargent County Auditor	2274.34
18859	General	Carol Peterson	1133.00
18860	General	Acme Tools	51.64
18861	General	Crossroads Electric Inc	745.12
18862	General	Dakota Plains Ag	263.15
18863	General	Dickey Rural Networks	359.04
18864	General	Even Law Office, PLLC	125.00
18865	General	Jennie Hanna	39.89

18866	General	John Deere Financial	1106.22
18867	General	Lee's Service Station	225.50
18868	General	Lesmeister Gravel Inc	95.00
18869	General	Milnor Market	16.06
18870	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	95.00
18871	General	Otter Tail Power Company	2120.72
18872	General	Stock Growers Insurance Agency	6226.00
18873	General	Stock Growers Insurance Agency	2093.00
18874	General	Storbakken Sanitation inc	45.00
18875	General	Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	10,496.00
18876	General	The Sargent County Teller	326.10
18877	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1263.98
18878	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4550.00
18879	General	NDSU Extension Service	125.00
18880	General	Verizon Wireless	144.39
18881	General	Linkoln Smith	142.50
18882	General	Payroll Account 61-639	4226.09
18883	General	Stock Growers Bank	1050.00
18884	General	Austin Roeder	250.00
18885	General	Library Fund	13.20
18886	General	Airport Authority	51.56
18887	General	Debt Service Fund	839.63
18888	General	Milnor Park Board	1939.46
18889	General	Library Fund	189.70
18890	General	Airport Authority	113.57
18891	General	Debt Service Fund	913.85
18892	General	Payroll Account 61-639	7579.32
18893	General	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	1665.43
3217	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	4299.90
3218	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	489.00
3219	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3220	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	1311.40
3221	Debt Service	Red River Valley & Western RR	100.00
3222	Debt Service	John Deere Financial	12.46
3223	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc.	3.60
3224	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	587.06
3225	Debt Service	Milnor Postmaster	115.20
3226	Debt Service	Austin Roeder	250.00
3227	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	564.69
5658	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	138.52
5659	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1368.94
5660	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1796.77
5661	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	252.44

5662	Payroll	Curtis E. Anderson	591.04
5663	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	36.94
5664	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1253.87
5665	Payroll	Monty N. Haugen	591.04
5666	Payroll	Edwin G. Heinert	544.86
5667	Payroll	Austin J. Roeder	544.86
5668	Payroll	Nannette A. Severson	498.69
5669	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1726.06
5670	Payroll	Ryan M. Weber	406.34
5671	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	238.66
5672	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	241.37
EFTPS 7	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	2638.76
930	Airport	Crossroads Electric Inc	454.70
931	Airport	Dickey Rural Networks	128.16
932	Airport	Southeast Water Users	186.20
933	Airport	The Sargent County Teller	409.65
934	Airport	Stock Growers Insurance	148.00
935	Airport	City of Milnor	120.00

The Preliminary Budget and regular August meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., August 9, 2021.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor