

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, June 14, 2021, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Monty Haugen, Bud Heinert, Austin Roeder, Nannette Severson and Ryan Weber. Also present: Carol Peterson, City Attorney LeeAnn Even, Deputy Richard Bryant, Mark Gainor, Dick Ruby, Mary Engst, Robert Lotzer, Richard Kaufmann, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna. City Engineer Kent Thoreson joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

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

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

City Attorney LeeAnn Even reviewed her research on whether the city should deed its ownership interest in parcels used by the Milnor Airport to Milnor Airport Authority and informed council she felt comfortable in the city doing so. Mark Gainor, of the Airport Authority, answered questions about his spraying business which operates out of the airport. Even recommended he have a written agreement with the airport on file. Member Heinert questioned why the airport is under the city, when not in city limits and whether the city should have any responsibility for the airport once the land is deeded over. Mayor Dusek stated the airport will stay under the umbrella of the city. Carol Peterson asked if the airport would be annexed into city limits. Dusek stated the land will be deeded over first, but annexation may be reviewed later.

Motion to convey the city's interest in the parcels used by Milnor Airport to Milnor Airport Authority (Severson/Haugen, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye, no nays). Motion carried.

City Maintenance Worker Richard Kaufmann submitted his resignation to city council. Kaufmann stated he will still complete work on the pocket park and help with street tarring. Mayor Dusek thanked him for his service. Dusek asked Jennie Hanna to place a help wanted in the Teller.

Deputy Richard Bryant reviewed the Sheriff's Report and stated no criminal issues occurred over the past month. Member Anderson asked about stray cats. Bryant said he would set a live trap the next day.

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and stated street tarring would begin the following week. Smith asked council if they would consider purchasing a small electric van for the city. He said the cost is about \$10,000 and may be a better option instead of another pickup. Member Heinert stated J&M uses these vehicles, and they get a lot of use. Smith reviewed the items accepted in the landfill and where they should be disposed. He suggested installing a security camera and possibly issuing fines for misuse.

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

Motion to approve the RZ project application from Stephan and Andrea Hogness for the renovation of their primary residence located at 330 1st Street, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as SW 115 feet of Lot 16 and 35 feet x 115 feet of Lot 15; Block 31 of the Original Addition to the City of Milnor, Sargent County, North Dakota (Parcel # 25-7558000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 34 (Haugen/Anderson, unanimous) Motion carried.

Peterson presented 2 quotes from J&M Printing for the Bulldog Creek sign, a 6"x18" for \$66.02 and a 25"x18" for \$107.59. Member Anderson asked if the sign could be double-sided. Member Heinert stated he would check on the price for a double-sided sign, but stated it would be cheaper than purchasing 2 signs.

Motion to approve purchase of a double-sided 6"x18" sign for Bulldog Creek (Anderson/Weber, unanimous).

Motion to approve applications for water and sewer service in Mund's East Acres for Austin and Allison Roeder (Heinert/Anderson, with Roeder abstaining). Motion carried.

Ryan Smith informed council the stand pipe to the new Roeder residence had been damaged during home construction. Member Roeder stated he would call Swede's to replace the pipe. Council discussed who should be charged for the replacement. Smith stated it's usually the responsibility of the home owner, but the city has paid for the repairs in the past.

Motion by Member Severson to charge the stand pipe repairs to the homeowner, but the motion failed due to lack of a second. Member Roeder abstained from the motion.

Motion to approve Yearly Gaming Site Authorizations for Hump's Bar & Grill and Lakeview Golf Course (Heinert/Roeder, unanimous).

Motion to approve Pledge of Securities for March 31, 2021 from Stock Grower's Bank (Weber/Haugen, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek informed council about complaints about the new siren, specifically the 9:00 whistle. Complaints are it's too loud and disturbs people already sleeping. Jennie Hanna informed council Minn-Kota offers two options: the 9:00 whistle can be removed from all city sirens, or the new siren can be made emergency-only. Dusek stated he did not want the siren emergency-only, but had no issues with removing the 9:00 whistle from all sirens.

Motion by Member Roeder to remove the 9:00 whistle from all city sirens, but the motion failed due to lack of a second. Member Weber abstained from the motion.

City Engineer Kent Thoreson reviewed the Engineer's Report. He presented the engineering contract for the Safe Route to School Phase Two Project.

Motion to approve the engineering contract for the Safe Route to School Phase Two Project (Haugen/Severson, unanimous).

Kent Thoreson informed council he wants to set up a meeting with the Sewer, Streets & Water Committee to discuss the SCADA system, the 3rd Street Sewer issues and a possible sewer grant for the Main Lift station. Thoreson and the committee agreed to meet June 23 at 3:30 at the Senior Center.

City Attorney LeeAnn Even reviewed her opinion on possibly raising the garbage fee. She stated it did not need to be voted on by the citizens, but if a fee increase was agreed upon, a resolution would need to be adopted pertaining to garbage. She recommended council discuss why the increase is needed and what would be a reasonable increase. Mayor Dusek asked the Sewer, Streets & Water committee look at the issue before the next meeting and provide their recommendation at that time.

Jennie Hanna reviewed the April Non-Compliance Water Sample. The ND Health Department had not received the April sample, which placed the city in non-compliance. Hanna had sent out letters to residents informing them of this. The city was now back in compliance after the state had received the May sample.

Mayor Dusek informed council there was a party interested in purchasing the city's 2005 Ford Pickup and asked council to determine a selling price. The pickup had not run in more than 2 years, and the city had no intention of repairing it, due to the cost of repairs.

Motion to approve selling the city's 2005 Ford Pickup for \$1000 (Roeder/Severson, unanimous).

Motion to approve building permits for Dan Henning – privacy fence and Dakota Dirt Coffee Company - 40' x 60' Foltz Building in Ruby Second Industrial Addition with estimated construction cost of \$250,000 (Haugen/Roeder, unanimous).

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
18811	General	Mary Gibbon	1669.13
18812	General	Deb Sundquist	120.00
18813	General	Stock Growers Bank	100.00
18814	General	Sargent County Auditor	2274.34
18815	General	Carol Peterson	1133.00
18816	General	Auto Value Wahpeton	56.12
18817	General	Bobcat of Gwinner	3501.15
18818	General	Buskohl Construction Inc.	3750.00
18819	General	Carol Peterson	196.24
18820	General	Dakota Plains Ag	82.01
18821	General	Dickey Rural Networks	358.46
18822	General	Even Law Office, PLLC	475.00
18823	General	Glacier Enterprises, LLC	8300.00
18824	General	Jennie Hanna	241.38
18825	General	John Deere Financial	365.66
18826	General	Lakeside Construction & Gravel	685.00
18827	General	Lee's Service Station	282.00
18828	General	Minn-Kota Communications, Inc	22,195.80
18829	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	126.89
18830	General	ND Dept Environmental Quality	15.00
18831	General	Office Depot	217.10
18832	General	Otter Tail Power Company	1679.12
18833	General	Riverside Building Center	7300.52
18834	General	Swede's Plumbing	12.68
18835	General	Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	400.00
18836	General	The Sargent County Teller	360.36
18837	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1263.98
18838	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5630.12
18839	General	Verizon Wireless	73.18
18840	General	Milnor Postmaster	114.12
18841	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4550.00
18842	General	Jalen Even	2500.00

18843	General	Miranda Lapour	500.00
18844	General	Liz Dub	200.00
18845	General	Mary Gibbon	131.73
18846	General	Richard Kaufmann	7000.00
18847	General	Lesmeister Gravel, Inc.	1250.00
18848	General	Riverside Building Center	30.00
18849	General	Dakota Playground	6004.00
18850	General	Carol Peterson	62.64
18851	General	Library Fund	94.05
18852	General	Airport Authority	225.28
18853	General	Debt Service Fund	493.91
18854	General	Milnor Park Board	2404.93
18855	General	Debt Service Fund	774.42
18856	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5559.23
3204	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	3588.60
3205	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	519.00
3206	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	3645.10
3207	Debt Service	John Deere Financial	12.79
3208	Debt Service	Milnor Market	8.99
3209	Debt Service	ND Dept Environmental Quality	10.00
3210	Debt Service	ND Department of Health	16.00
3211	Debt Service	ND Rural Water Systems Assn	255.00
3212	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc.	6.00
3213	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	978.57
3214	Debt Service	Milnor Postmaster	168.30
3215	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1020.38
3216	Debt Service	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	2806.79
5645	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1643.45
5646	Payroll	Richard A. Kaufmann	1336.54
5647	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1413.60
5648	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	138.52
5649	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	349.90
5650	Payroll	Robert L. Gregor	201.75
5651	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1200.42
5652	Payroll	Richard A. Kaufmann	1514.33
5653	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1586.66
5654	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solutions	343.92
5655	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	424.51
5656	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	21.93
5657	Payroll	ND State Tax Commissioner	292.41
EFTPS 6	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	2911.75
1071	Library	Milnor Public School	800.17
928	Airport	Dickey Rural Networks	128.31

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Midwest Pest Control

60.00

The regular July meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 12, 2021.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Severson, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor