

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, March 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Monty Haugen and Jodi Ost. Absent: Austin Roeder, Jasmine Smith and Ryan Weber. Also present: Mike Bassingthwaite, LeeAnn Even, Scott Johnson, Rick Bryant, Frank Walker, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

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

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

Frank Walker presented a complaint to council regarding the junk in his neighbor's yard, including numerous vehicles, snowmobiles and wood piles. Mayor Dusek had talked to the neighbor previously, but Walker stated the problem had gotten worse. Walker agreed to file a formal complaint with the city, which council would address at the April meeting.

Deputy Rick Bryant reviewed the Sheriff's report and informed council the department had been involved in a civil eviction and GSI investigation. Bryant also stated they were dealing with a juvenile frequently calling 911, which was becoming a nuisance. Bryant stated with the warmer temperatures, golf carts and 4-wheelers would be out and about.

Mike Bassingthwaite reviewed the Engineer's Report and informed council the pumphouse generator is in Fargo. John's Refrigeration requested a retainage of \$50,710.27, in order to pick it up and bring it down for installation. The city will be reimbursed for 90% of the cost through the FEMA grant.

Bassingthwaite discussed the water plant re-bid, which had taken place earlier that day. The city had received one bid, from John's Refrigeration, for \$435,705.00, which was higher than the first bid, since the generator was not included in the bid specs this round. Bassingthwaite stated although the city does have ARPA money and the DWSRF loan available, in order to make up the difference, the city would need to raise the minimum water rate more than \$5. Bassingthwaite recommended tabling a decision at least a month, so he can gather more information.

Bassingthwaite explained 2 invoices from Interstate Engineering for work done pertaining to the Water Pumphouse update. The invoice for \$13,500 was for work done specifically for the generator. Bassingthwaite informed council the FEMA grant would cover 90% of that cost.

Motion to pay both Interstate Engineering invoices (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and informed council the landfill is open. Residents can call the shop for entry during the week. Smith also stated Lesmeister Gravel has gravel available for the road to Dakota Dirt. Mayor Dusek stated he'd check with Jeff Halmrast to see when he'd be available to pack the gravel down with the maintainer.

Attorney LeeAnn Even reviewed her letter to Caleb & Kylie Christianson regarding rezoning their land from residential to agricultural. Even informed council rezoning isn't possible due to state statutes.

Mayor Dusek informed council the city did not receive the \$300,000 grocery grant. What they had been awarded was much less than what is needed for the updates. Dusek stated the city can try again for the grant next year.

Motion to approve a building permit to Y.O.U. Inc. – daycare addition (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Motion to approve a building permit to Marcy Schutt – twinhome (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Motion to approve a building permit to Mark Hudson – house (Haugen/Anderson, unanimous).

There was a discussion about interest in a lot in Park Lane. The interested party lives next to the lot and would like to purchase it to expand their yard and possibly build on it at some point. Dusek stated the lot, as-is, needs a lot of work due to some large trees and recommended the city sell the lot for \$2000. Dusek stated this is a one-time exception to selling additional lots, since the lot is not move-in ready.

Motion to sell the Park Lane lot for \$2000 (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
19895	General	Praxis Strategy Group	14,405.56
19896	General	Sargent County Auditor	2655.17
19897	General	Carol Peterson	1362.00
19898	General	Crossroads Electric Inc.	217.54
19899	General	Dickey Rural Networks	368.82
19900	General	Even Law Office, PLLC	390.00
19901	General	Lee's Service Station	641.90
19902	General	Midwest Pest Control Inc.	85.00
19903	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	308.76
19904	General	Otter Tail Power Company	2005.33
19905	General	St. Paul Stamp Works Inc	98.85
19906	General	The Sargent County Teller	336.88
19907	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1365.43
19908	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6242.83
19909	General	Verizon Wireless	126.77
19910	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4800.00
19911	General	Milnor Park Board	4073.93
19912	General	Library Fund	2595.02
19913	General	Airport Authority	10,402.83
19914	General	Debt Service Fund	186,512.35
19915	General	Debt Service Fund	1384.62
19916	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5412.32
3529	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	3733.93
3530	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	670.00
3531	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3532	Debt Service	Interstate Engineering Inc	16,056.72
3533	Debt Service	Johns Refrig & Electric Inc	50,710.27
3534	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc	1.30
3535	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1096.95
3536	Debt Service	Milnor Postmaster	170.13
3537	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	980.27
3538	Debt Service	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3031.41

6034	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	959.09
6035	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	138.52
6036	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1582.59
6037	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1962.42
6038	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6039	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	905.84
6040	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1385.30
6041	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1666.79
6042	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6043	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	447.69
6044	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	10.00
213E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	389.90
214E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	347.32
216E	Payroll	ND State Tax Commissioner	34.25
EFTPS 3	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	2887.68
1017	Airport	Dickey Rural Networks	128.43
1018	Airport	Stock Growers Bank	10,221.95
1082	Library	Milnor Public School	5752.50

The regular April and Board of Equalization meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., April 8, 2024.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor