

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, October 10, 2022, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Monty Haugen, Jodi Ost and Jasmine Smith. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Kent Thoreson, Mike Bassingthwaite, Rick Bryant, Scott Johnson, Lacey Ferderer, Marjorie Johnson, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna. Members Austin Roeder and Ryan Weber joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

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

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

Deputy Richard Bryant review the Sheriff's Report and stated it had been a busier month than usual with misdemeanors and traffic violations. The department will continue to patrol the airport road.

Members Haugen and Smith discussed a letter that had gone out to Milnor Housing residents, which outlined a rent increase and possible sale of the buildings. LeeAnn Even stated a rent increase is up to the Housing Authority Board. Council recommended listing the apartments for sale with Lacey Ferderer, and council will have the last say on possible offers and sale.

Kent Thoreson presented the preliminary engineering report for the water system improvement project. The final established cost is estimated at \$218,450, but that total does not include American Rescue Plan dollars. Water usage charges may need to be increased but not until the project is done, which may take a year and half to complete. The engineering agreement states the city will pay \$26,625 for engineering fees plus construction.

Motion to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Water Systems Improvements District No. 2022-01 from Interstate Engineering for \$26,625 plus construction (Haugen/Smith, with a roll call vote with all members present voting aye, no nays. Absent: Member Weber). Motion passed.

Ryan Smith presented the Maintenance Report and informed council the city's 1996 Ford pickup has become unreliable and requested council invest in a new pickup for the city. Mayor Dusek stated Dakota Valley Electric has a pickup up for bids and asked Ryan to talk to Ray Hogness about it, since he had done the pickup's maintenance.

Attorney LeeAnn Even discussed her legal opinion regarding Evelyn Loomis' request to keep poultry, on the basis they are support animals. Even informed council of what she had found out from the Health Department and discussed the recent outbreak of avian flu at a location outside of the city. She stated if the council agreed to grant reasonable accomodation, Loomis would need to abide by strict guidelines, which will be outlined in a letter Even would send to her.

Motion to approve, with strong reservations, granting reasonable accommodation to Evelyn Loomis (Anderson/Ost, with a roll call vote taken with Members Haugen, Weber, Ost, Anderson and Smith voting aye, Member Roeder voting nay). Motion carried.

Attorney Even explained to council the city would now be charged for prosecuting misdemeanors, due to a contract the city had signed with the county in 2000. She asked council if they would be open to having her services on retainer, instead of separate billing. She stated it wasn't anything to be decided soon and could be voted on when the city budgets for 2024.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and presented a finalized RZ project application from Lance and Danielle Hogness for council approval.

Motion to approve the finalized 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. (Parcel # 25-7682000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 25. (Weber/Smith, unanimous). Motion carried.

Peterson presented maps of both East Acres and Northview and compared the difference between lot sizes and showed how large the lots are in Northview. She urged council to convey how large the lots are when asked about Northview, since there seems to be confusion regarding lot sizes in the addition. Mayor Dusek stated the city needed to pay Lacey Ferderer \$500 for the lot sale in Northview, which should come out of the sales tax fund.

Peterson informed council she had contacted different firms to conduct a housing study, and none were able to complete it anytime soon. Peterson discussed Hometown Housing USA, which she was introduced to at a regional housing meeting. They would do a study and work with the community to determine housing needs, which would be done in two phases, with Phase 1 costing \$15,000 and Phase 2 costing \$5000. The Department of Commerce has a Housing & Finance grant available, which would cover up to \$5000 of the total cost. Peterson recommended council review the information she had given them about Hometown Housing USA and make a decision at the November meeting.

Motion to approve building permits for Evelyn Loomis – Barn Repair and Update and Myron Yagow – Garage (Anderson/Weber, unanimous).

Motion to approve off-site alcohol permit for The Schoolhouse for Vendor Blender at MACC (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Motion to approve raffle permit for Milnor Fire Department (Haugen/Ost, unanimous).

Motion to approve Stock Growers Bank Pledge of Securities ended September 30, 2022 (Haugen/Weber, unanimous).

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
19344	General	Sargent County Auditor	2458.49
19345	General	Carol Peterson	1372.14
19346	General	Buck's Paving	8000.00
19347	General	Crossroads Electric Inc.	512.86
19348	General	Dakota Plains Ag	328.19

19349	General	Dickey Rural Networks	364.16
19350	General	Even Law Office, PLLC	1095.00
19351	General	Lee's Service Station	358.95
19352	General	Midwest Pest Control	85.00
19353	General	Milnor Market	13.53
19354	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	98.00
19355	General	Otter Tail Power Company	1960.65
19356	General	Premium Home Realty Co.	500.00
19357	General	Raymond Hogness	580.29
19358	General	Red River Valley & Western RR	100.00
19359	General	Riteway	108.76
19360	General	Sargent County Auditor	502.08
19361	General	The Sargent County Teller	221.28
19362	General	Traffic Logix Corporation	5773.00
19363	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1318.47
19364	General	Milnor Postmaster	60.00
19365	General	John Deere Financial	20.77
19366	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5584.51
19367	General	Milnor Postmaster	138.60
19368	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc.	4845.00
19369	General	SC Water Resource District	22,936.00
19370	General	Verizon Wireless	72.04
19371	General	Office Of The State Auditor	645.00
19372	General	Stock Growers Bank	110.00
19373	General	Milnor Park Board	854.65
19374	General	Library Fund	150.31
19375	General	Airport Authority	181.69
19376	General	Debt Service Fund	7284.60
19377	General	Debt Service Fund	663.77
19378	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5645.95
19379	General	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	2676.75
3371	Debt Service	City of Milnor	100.00
3372	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	6403.80
3373	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	461.00
3374	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	87.81
3375	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc	3.90
3376	Debt Service	Riteway	36.26
3377	Debt Service	Zions Bank	400.00
3378	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1005.49
3379	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3380	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1065.80
5838	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	618.17
5839	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	138.52

5840	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1326.13
5841	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1847.86
5842	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	627.00
5844	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1328.54
5845	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1862.53
5846	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	772.53
5847	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	627.00
5848	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	402.35
5849	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	10.00
157E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	349.16
158E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	364.52
EFTPS 10	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	2917.95
981	Airport	Dickey Rural Networks	127.89

The regular November meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., November 14, 2022.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor