

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Denise Ferderer, Glen Koepp, Michelle Odegard, Jodi Ost, Jasmine Smith. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Mike Bassingthwaite, Rick Bryant, Scott Johnson, Anastasia Swiontek, Robert Lotzer, Jeremy Bixby, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna. Wyatt Lyon, Rocky Asche and Jamey Lien joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

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

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

Aflac representative, Anastasia Swiontek, made a presentation to council about different insurance packages offered by Aflac. With the city having 3 employees, it would qualify for a discounted rate. Jeremy Bixby stated he already had an Alfac policy, which didn't leave enough employees for the discounted rate.

Wyatt Lyon explained to council he had underestimated the grocery store brick repair in his initial bid. He stated he would need an additional \$3700 to complete the repairs, instead of the original \$3500 total cost. Council agreed the repairs needed to be done.

Motion to approve paying Wyatt Lyon more money to finish the grocery store brick work, with a \$3700 cap (Anderson/Koepp, unanimous).

Deputy Rick Bryant presented the Sheriff's Report and stated it had been a quiet month, with not much to report. Council asked him to keep an eye on trucks speeding through town and using the engine brakes in restricted areas.

Jamey Lien told council there is a hole in the street between his driveway and the lift station and would like the city to look into it. Ryan Smith stated the sewer line had been scoped, and the sewer line was not the issue. Mike Bassingthwaite stated he'd look into it.

Mike Bassingthwaite reviewed the Engineer's Report and discussed the outstanding change order to Ti-Zack Concrete. The city was withholding final payment due to the damage done to the pocket park concrete by Ti-Zack during the sidewalk project. Bassingthwaite informed council Ti-Zack was willing to provide \$1200 for the pocket park repair and would settle on \$5100 to close out the contract.

Motion to approve the city signing the change order of \$5100 to Ti-Zack Concrete and considering the sidewalk project complete (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Ryan Smith reviewed the Maintenance Report and stated the water line had been dug into the shop. He is waiting on Swede's Plumbing to hook it up. Smith stated the shop garage door opener had been ordered, and he will spray Northview in the spring. Smith stated the fire hydrants had been flushed.

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and presented a finalized RZ project application from Scott Strouse for approval from council.

Motion to approve the finalized RZ project application from Scott Strouse for the renovation of his primary residence located at 416 5th Street, Milnor, North Dakota, legally known as- Lots 15, 16, and 17, Block 26, Original Addition of the City of Milnor, North Dakota (Parcel # 25-7484000). Property is located in Renaissance Zone Block 11A. (Ost/Smith, unanimous) Motion carried.

Peterson also informed council of other RZ projects that are now cancelled, due to lack of progress.

There was a discussion about the Special Road Fund grant, which could be used to pave the road into the park in 2026. Mike Bassingthwaite stated the grant is a 60/40 construction grant, with the cost to the city being \$88,000. Council asked if this project could be included in other future road repair, which could bring the cost down. Peterson stated the application is due on November 30. A decision was tabled until the November meeting.

Motion to approve building permit to Terry Dusek – new garage siding (Ost/Odegard, unanimous).

Council questioned what could be done about people doing projects on their properties without applying for a building permit. To make residents more aware that a permit needs to be approved before any project can begin, council asked that a notice be run in the Teller and posted on Facebook.

Motion to approve gaming permits to St. Arnold’s Christian Mothers – raffle and Milnor Fire Department - raffle (Odegard/Ost, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek informed council the new light poles will not be able to hold hanging flower pots or flags. It had been decided to use regular flower pots for next year’s flowers. Dusek stated banners showing a flag was a possibility, but the banners didn’t need to have a patriotic theme. Peterson stated she would forward the catalog to Members Ost and Smith to review.

Motion to approve Pledge of Securities ended September 30, 2024 – Stock Growers Bank (Smith/Odegard, unanimous).

Mayor Dusek stated most of the residents who had received letters to clean up trees and branches or dead cars in their yards had complied or were working on it.

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
20100	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6931.72
20101	General	Sargent County Auditor	2814.48
20102	General	Carol Peterson	1362.00
20103	General	Bobcat of Gwinner	618.80
20104	General	Dakota Plains Ag	141.26
20105	General	Dickey Rural Networks	370.42
20107	General	Even Law Office, PLLC	255.00
20108	General	Hansen Lumber & Hardward	75.96
20109	General	Interstate Engineering Inc	1654.40
20110	General	Jennie Hanna	67.98
20111	General	Lee’s Service Station	187.00
20112	General	Midwest Pest Control Inc.	85.00
20113	General	Milnor Market	12.34
20114	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	114.64
20115	General	ODP Business Solutions, LLC	133.61
20116	General	Otter Tail Power Company	3355.85

20117	General	Red River Valley & Western RR	100.00
20118	General	Robert Gregor	75.00
20119	General	Sargent County Auditor	578.59
20120	General	The Sargent County Teller	340.16
20121	General	Verizon Wireless	126.87
20122	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1354.97
20123	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc	4920.00
20124	General	Milnor Park Board	853.29
20125	General	Library Fund	221.22
20126	General	Airport Authority	292.12
20127	General	Debt Service Fund	6007.43
20128	General	Debt Service Fund	1196.78
20129	General	Payroll Account 61-639	7047.78
3601	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1258.12
3602	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	4827.88
3603	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	480.00
3604	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3605	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	468.00
3606	Debt Service	Interstate Engineering Inc	370.00
3607	Debt Service	Riteway	147.79
3608	Debt Service	Milnor Postmaster	180.32
3609	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1336.69
3610	Debt Service	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	3031.41
6118	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	1109.95
6119	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	166.23
6120	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1655.15
6121	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2260.27
6122	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6123	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	1274.14
6124	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1675.50
6125	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	2316.79
6126	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	522.50
6127	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	447.69
6128	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	12.34
238E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	434.20
239E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	455.24
EFTPS 10	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	3248.89
1031	Airport	Midwest Pest Control	85.00
1032	Airport	Dickey Rural Networks	128.54
1033	Airport	Midwest Pest Control	85.00
930	Sebens	Wyatt Lyon	1000.00
931	Sebens	Wyatt Lyon	5000.00

The regular November meeting will be held on Monday, 5:00 p.m., November 11, 2024.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Ost, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor