

At a regular meeting of the Milnor City Council held on Monday, September 12, 2022, 5:00 p.m. the following members were present: Curtis Anderson, Monty Haugen, Jodi Ost, Austin Roeder and Jasmine Smith. Also present: Carol Peterson, LeeAnn Even, Scott Johnson, Richard Ruch, Jason Heitkamp, Shawn Kessel, Josh Askvig, Mary Engst, Evelyn Loomis, Robert Lotzer, Ryan Smith, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna. Member Ryan Weber joined the meeting later.

Meeting called to order by Mayor, Terry Dusek.

Shawn Kessel of the ND Department of Commerce and Josh Askvig of AARP delivered a Housing Presentation to discuss a program for creating livable communities and missing middle housing. The program focuses on rural renewal by rehabilitating blighted properties with new multi-generational housing.

Council discussed the final 2023 budget. Jennie Hanna informed council \$1205 had been moved from the Special Assessment fund levy amount to the Airport fund levy amount, but the bottom line remained the same as the approved Preliminary Budget. Motion to approve the adoption of the 2023 final budget (Anderson/Haugen, roll call vote taken with all members present voting aye, no nays. Absent: Weber). Motion carried.

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

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

Evelyn Loomis made a presentation to council in defense of the 2 chickens and 1 turkey she has on her property. According to city ordinance, poultry is not allowed in city limits, and she would like the city to make an exception for her, as they are her support animals, and she has a building with fencing already in place to house them. She stated she will give the city a letter from her doctor stating she needs these animals and requested the city let her keep the animals and invest in the building to house them. She also stated she will not get more poultry. Council discussed the issue and expressed concern that if the city lets Loomis keep the poultry, it would set a precedent, and a number of people would then bring more poultry into the city. Mayor Dusek asked LeeAnn Even that if the city let Loomis keep the poultry, could the city set guidelines that stipulated they would need to be vaccinated and licensed yearly. Even agreed the ordinance could be tightened, and she stated she would research the laws regarding support animals and would hopefully have an answer the following week.

Ryan Smith presented the Maintenance Report and requested to rent equipment for 2 days to trim trees.

Motion to approve Ordinance Chapter 6 (Ost/Smith, unanimous).

Carol Peterson reviewed the Economic Development Report and informed council the ND Department of Commerce recommends a new housing plan for the city, since the last housing study had been done in 2011. Peterson stated she could apply for a Housing & Finance grant that would cover 50% of the cost, up to \$5000.

Motion to approve a Housing Study for a cost of \$10,000 or less, contingent on receiving the 50% grant from the state (Haugen/Smith, unanimous).

Motion to approve building permits for Linda Costain – Garage Siding Replacement and Devin Goulet – Roof Replacement (Haugen/Weber, unanimous).

Motion to approve off-site alcohol permit for Lakeview Golf Course for Gilje/Brezicka wedding dance at MACC (Anderson/Smith, unanimous).

Motion to approve raffle permit for Milnor Lutheran WELCA (Haugen/Anderson, unanimous).

Members Anderson and Haugen presented a list of residents who have trees that are dead or diseased. Letters will be sent out.

Arbor Day will be held at Northview Addition on Thursday, September 22. Milnor 1st grade students will be planting a tree.

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

<u>Check #:</u>	<u>Fund:</u>	<u>To Whom:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
19315	General	Sargent County Auditor	2458.49
19316	General	Carol Peterson	1201.00
19317	General	Auto Value Wahpeton	155.98
19318	General	Computer Express	110.99
19319	General	Dakota Plains Ag	326.73
19320	General	Dickey Rural Networks	368.30
19321	General	Even Law Office, PLLC	125.00
19322	General	Hall Township	218.00
19323	General	Jet-Way Multiple Services Inc	1090.00
19324	General	Lee's Service Station	402.00
19325	General	MFOA	30.00
19326	General	Milnor Market	18.29
19327	General	Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.	96.50
19328	General	ODP Business Solutions, LLC	33.10
19329	General	Otter Tail Power Company	2000.99
19330	General	Sundale Steel	1298.00
19331	General	Team Laboratory Chemical Corp	474.50
19332	General	The Sargent County Teller	158.84
19333	General	Waste Management of WI-MN	1323.50
19334	General	Payroll Account 61-639	6126.12
19335	General	Verizon Wireless	72.10
19336	General	Storbakken Sanitation Inc.	4860.00
19337	General	Milnor Park Board	927.58
19338	General	Library Fund	187.03
19339	General	Airport Authority	245.09
19340	General	Debt Service Fund	4748.30
19341	General	Debt Service Fund	1212.71
19342	General	Milnor Park Board	3443.73
19343	General	Payroll Account 61-639	5454.28
3360	Debt Service	Southeast Water Users	4161.30
3361	Debt Service	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	480.00
3362	Debt Service	Chemistry Lab	251.58

3363	Debt Service	City of Fargo	14.00
3364	Debt Service	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	3584.40
3365	Debt Service	North Dakota One Call Inc	11.70
3366	Debt Service	Riteway	145.03
3367	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1110.41
3368	Debt Service	Milnor Postmaster	142.12
3369	Debt Service	Payroll Account 61-639	1009.86
3370	Debt Service	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	2676.75
5827	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	772.53
5828	Payroll	Terry J. Dusek	138.52
5829	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1452.43
5830	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1991.94
5831	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	627.00
5832	Payroll	Jeremy M. Bixby	618.17
5833	Payroll	Jennie M. Hanna	1328.54
5834	Payroll	Ryan J. Smith	1847.76
5835	Payroll	ND Child Support Division	627.00
5836	Payroll	Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	402.35
5837	Payroll	Unum Life Insurance Company	10.00
153E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	384.22
154E	Payroll	Nationwide Retirement Solution	351.10
155E	Payroll	ND State Tax Commissioner	348.69
EFTPS 9	Payroll	Internal Revenue Service	3034.00
974	Airport	Crossroads Electric Inc	627.76
975	Airport	Delahoyde Seed	225.00
976	Airport	Dickey Rural Networks	128.28
977	Airport	Green Iron Equipment	33.24
978	Airport	Jonell Peterson	50.00
979	Airport	Mead & Hunt	36,139.76
980	Airport	Speich Seed	1024.94
1076	Library	Milnor Public School	847.86

The regular October meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., October 10, 2022.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson/Haugen, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor