

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Russ Myran.

Council Members present: Ray Fettig, Aaron Gjermundson, Daryl Jurgens, Ron Luff

The minutes of the February 4, 2014 regular City Council meeting were approved as read.

Visitors: Gayle Elkin, City Attorney Patrick Hope, Carolyn Jurgens, Craig Jurgens, Chelsea Tracy, Dennis Beamis & Jeremy Wood – Northern Plains Engineering, Chassey Wallace – Valtex, Robin Reynolds & Terri Thiel – Old Red/Old Ten

Craig Jurgens asked about the hay land south of the tracks. The City will be accepting sealed bids to mow the property and will entertain single or multiple year bids (up to 3 years); the winning bid will be required to spray for noxious weeds (chemicals to be provided by the City). An ad will be placed in the Merchant; bids will be opened at the April Council meeting.

Robin Reynolds & Terri Thiel gave an update about the Old Red/Old Ten Scenic Byway and presented marketing materials to the Council. The annual Byway Rummage Sale will occur on June 7th; the Committee is looking for a City contact person for the Sale. Old Red/Old Ten is also looking for someone to represent the City of Taylor on their Committee.

The person interested in the Auditor position was present to answer Council questions. The matter is tabled until the April meeting. The Lift Station Panel upgrade was tabled, again pending additional bids on the project. Carolyn Jurgens reported that there are persons interested in serving on the Park Board. The Water Rate increase was tabled. Election petitions must be filed with the Auditor no later than 4 pm Monday, April 7th.

Ron Luff met with the Roosevelt-Custer Regional Council and reported that it may be best to work on a Zoning & Comprehensive Plan in conjunction with updating the City's ordinances, as the two complement each other. A grant application was submitted to the Energy Impact Office to cover the total cost of both projects. Tabled pending grant results.

There was discussion about cost/services available to the City by Northern Plains Engineering, with a focus on an analysis of the options and costs to improve the City's water and sewer systems.

Motion to hire Northern Plains Engineering to provide civil engineering services:

Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the 2014 Laboratory Services contract with the ND Dept. of Health:

Moved by Aaron Gjermundson, seconded by Ray Fettig, motion carried unanimously.

Local contractors will be contacted about providing crack-sealing services for the City. The annual Tax Equalization meeting will be held at 7 pm Tuesday, April 15th at City Hall. The February financial statement was accepted as presented.

Bills submitted for payment –

General Exp: Pat Wilson \$450; Ross Myran \$400; Pat Wilson-reimb \$40; Dakota Comm Insur \$1,407; Richardton Merchant \$33.93; MDU \$464.57

Water Dept: Southwest Water \$1,534.25; Ross Myran \$800; Pat Wilson \$175; MDU \$246.44; Michael Ciaravino \$60.75

Sewer Dept: Ross Myran \$800; Pat Wilson \$150; MDU \$182.18

Garbage Dept: MGM Sanitation \$2,654.60; Pat Wilson \$125

Motion to pay the bills:

Moved by Ray Fettig, seconded by Daryl Jurgens, motion carried unanimously.

The next regular City Council meeting is at 7:30pm on Tuesday, April 1st at City Hall.

Moved by Ron Luff, seconded by Aaron Gjermundson, and carried to adjourn.

Russ Myran, Mayor

Patricia Wilson, Auditor