

City Council Meeting  
January 7, 2019

Regular meeting of the Center City Council was called to order by Mayor Wilkens at 7:00 pm at the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center. Council members present: Schutt, Troy, Hanson as well as City Auditor, and City Attorney.

**Troy moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.**

**Troy moved to approve the December meeting minutes, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.**

**Troy moved approve the auditor's report, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.**

Bills on hand were presented for payment, excluding. **Troy moved to approve bills, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all voting aye, motion carried.** Bills paid: Ameripride 242.22, BHG 137.04, Center Coal 424.70, Center Machine Inc. 18.75, Center/Stanton School 104.64, Coca-Cola High Country 78.00, Corner Express 1083.80, Eggers Electric 1,409.31, Hobart Sales and Service 270.40, Mandan Northwest Pipe Fitting 163.60, MDU 7,289.07, Menards 216.25, ND Sewage Pump 7,191.00, Oliver County Auditor 12,156.15, One Call Concepts 6.00, Security First Agency of ND 56.00, Security First Bank 56.00, Shandy Kraft 90.00, Southwest Business Machines 37.14, SW Water 4,277.61, Terrie Nehring 90.00, Waste Management of ND 9,260.17, WRT 489.26.

#### Personal Appearances

Sherriff Department represented by Deputy Ferderer. Questions about vehicles and lots. Discussion of equipment on the city side that needs to be moved.

Carmen Reed. Discussion on Emergency Mitigation. Discussion on possible floodplain training for Auditor and herself. She is looking for possible projects in the community to go on the draft plan. Also invited council to LEPC meeting at the courthouse Jan 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

#### Old Business.

Portfolios: Troy hasn't had heard from the company that the city employees pull over jackets for Christmas are finished. Wilkens has been approached about putting an electric stove in the kitchen. City Auditor discussed year end financials she's been working on. Will get W2's and 1099s out in the next two weeks. Still needs to get in the 2019 budget numbers in finance system.

Engineer Portfolio: AJ updated council on the 2019 sanitary sewer and water main improvement project. Looking at obtaining a 2% SRF loan for 30 years. There's a question of the right of way and he's concerned about the area near the Corner Express. Discussion on proximity of lines to the building. Discussion on possibility of abandoning old lines to not disturb certain areas. Discussion on temporary relocation of Mobil homes in the line of service. **Troy moved to give Mayor Wilkens, Auditor Nehring, and City Engineer Tuck the authority to move forward in obtaining an SRF loan for the 2019 sanitary sewer and water main improvement project, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.** Highway 48 discussion. The NDDOT devoted significant time into studying the intersection and

decided a four way stop wasn't warranted and will be putting up a pedestrian actuated signal at the intersection of highway 48 and 3<sup>rd</sup> st and highway 48 at the post office.

Lone Wolf liquor license. Discussion. Mr. Barth stated that he has Kelsch Law firm representing him in a disagreement with the state tax department due to being charged taxes while closed. He was asked his estimated time it will take for him to acquire his merchants license from state. Mr. Barth replied it'll be done in a week. Council addressed that was the same time frame given at the last month's meeting. Mr. Barth said it'll be before the next month. **Schutt moved to approve the liquor license for the Lone Wolf Saloon, if not open in two months the license will be revoked and the monies of \$1,500 will be forfeited to the city, seconded by Hanson, discussion, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.** City Auditor asked Mr. Barth if he fully understands that the license will be revoked if not worked out in two months. Mr. Barth stated he understands and it will be done.

Floor Bid discussion. Request more information. Discussion on baseboard and lines for basketball court. Mayor will request them to be present at the next meeting.

Bulk water rates discussion. **Schutt moved to raise bulk water rate to \$10 per 1000 gallons. Mayor called for a second three times. Motion died. Hanson moved to charge \$12.50 per 1000 gallons for bulk water, seconded by Troy, roll vote, all aye, motion carries.**

Christmas light discussion. Rod needs six new lights. Discussion. Tabled until next meeting.

New Business.

Civic Center oven discussion. There was an incident lighting the oven and an inspector was brought out to look at it. Inspector stated the oven is a great model and shouldn't be replaced. Mayor Wilkens was approached and suggested that an electric oven was added. Discussion on type of electric oven. More information will be brought next week.

Crack sealing has come up during snow removal. Specifically near the Catholic church. Auditor will put a map up that's available to everyone to mark areas of concern.

Civic Center rental rate discussion. **Troy moved to make the Civic Center rental rates \$50 for the large hall, \$30 for the east meeting room, and \$75 for the kitchen for city residents and nonresidents, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all aye, motion carries.**

Notice of appropriation of water Application No. 7029.

School Gaming Permit. **Troy moved to approve the gaming permit for the Center/Stanton School District, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all aye, motion carries.**

Maintenance personnel Berger expressed concerns over upcoming grant project. Doesn't want to see a project done just because funds are there because the maintenance costs and upkeep can cost more. Discussion. Auditor will schedule a meeting between City Engineer and Berger to discuss all concerns.

**Troy moved to adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm

Next Meeting February 4 @ 7:00pm