

Cavalier City Council

May 5, 2022

7:00 PM

Roll Call: Mayor Hinkle, council members Beard, Vaughn, Berry, Carpenter

Absent: Cluchie, Stevenson

Guests: Auditor Truver, OM Walton, COP Osvold, Attorney Fleming, Jarda Solc, David Hartz

Amendments to the Agenda

Flood update

Approve Minutes

Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 4, 2022, special meeting from April 12, 2022, equalization meeting from April 12, 2022, and special meeting from April 18, 2022. M/S/P- Vaughn, Carpenter; 4:0 mc.

Approve Bills & Financials

Motion made to approve the payment of all city and CMU bills and financials as submitted for April 2022. M/S/P- Berry, Beard; 4:0 mc.

Water Tower and Main

Auditor Truver presented the council with an invoice for AE2S for the water tower and main. Motion made to approve AE2S invoice in the amount of \$26,423.25 with funds coming from special projects. RCV M/S/P- Vaughn, Carpenter; 4:0 mc.

Ground Storage Reservoir

Auditor Truver gave an update and presented the council with an invoice for AE2S for the ground storage reservoir. Motion made to approve AE2S invoice in the amount of \$7,801.25 with funds coming from special projects. RCV M/S/P- Berry, Beard; 4:0 mc.

2nd Ave Sewer Extension

Jarda Solc updated the council; Molstads to return in June. Jarda presented the council with an invoice for AE2S for the 2nd Ave sewer extension. Motion made to approve AE2S invoice in the amount of \$2,845 with funds coming from special projects. M/S/P- Vaughn, Berry; 4:0 mc.

School Parking Lot

Discussion on facilitating the paving of the school parking lot with the determination that the school will need to do the project on their own.

Light Plant

Jarda presented the council with an AE2S invoice for the light plant structural review. Motion made to approve AE2S invoice in the amount of \$1,086 with funds coming from special projects. M/S/P- Beard, Berry; 4:0 mc.

Flood Update

Water was over spillway at Renwick Dam on Sunday. An emergency was declared. Models were presented by the engineers, and the City called for a voluntary evacuation for some parts of town. The water level in the pool at Bourbanis Dam was not dropping causing concern about flooding in the city. Pumps were placed at the dam to help remove some of the water. Herzog Dam and Renwick Dam levels are both down as of today. Governor Burgum has asked for a federal emergency to be declared which will provide help from FEMA.

River Street drainage/pump

Councilman Beard presented a more permanent solution to the flooding problem on River Street. Discussion on pumps. OM Walton and Councilman Beard will get quotes for the pumps.

Development

Off the Charts submitted a request for a \$5,000 grant. Motion made to approve Off the Charts a grant in the amount of \$5,000 with half coming from the growth fund and half coming from lodging tax. M/S/P- Vaughn, Berry; 4:0 mc.

Auditor Truver presented a special event permit for the Motorcycle Ride-in. Motion made to approve a special event permit for Thompson's Supper Club. M/S/P- Vaughn, Beard; 4:0 mc.

Auditor Truver presented two grants for Tamarisk Properties. Motion made to approve only the energy efficiency grant for Tamarisk Properties. M – Vaughn. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Motion made to deny both the energy efficiency grant and the business growth grant for Tamarisk Properties. M/S/P- Carpenter, Vaughn; 3:1 mc.

Auditor Truver presented two renaissance zone applications. Motion made to approve the renaissance zone applications for Kelli and Chaz Truver. M/S/P- Vaughn, Beard; 4:0 mc.

Auditor Truver presented on behalf of Lorrich Industries. Motion made to sell the industrial lots to Lorrich Industries with substantial improvement made within 5 years for \$6,000; substantial improvement includes concrete pads, building structures, and driveway establishment. M/S/P- Berry, Vaughn; 4:0 mc.

Business incentive discussion tabled.

Rec Report

Auditor Truver presented a plan for funding the match for the swimming pool improvement grant. Motion made to send out a donation letter request for the pool renovations. M/S/P- Berry, Vaughn; 4:0 mc. Motion made to approve funding the pool grant matching funds in the amount of \$600,000. RCV M/S/P- Vaughn, Berry; 3:1 mc.

Library Report

The library is getting ready for the summer reading program.

PD Report

COP Osvold provided an update about the PD.

Attorney Report

Attorney Fleming updated the council on the Quam judgement. Quam filed a relief from the judgement; the hearing will be held May 12, 2022 at 4 PM at the courthouse. Attorney Fleming informed the council that he has reviewed the presented WAPA contract. Motion made to approve the WAPA contract. RCV M/S/P- Beard, Carpenter; 4:0 mc. Attorney Fleming updated the council on the high school seniors and juniors court case.

Administrative Reports

Auditor Truver updated the council on the potential closure of MCI. Discussion on having the fire whistle back on for 12 PM and 6 PM. Auditor Truver presented documents that needed to be disposed. Motion made to dispose of old records that have reached their retention dates. M/S/P- Vaughn, Carpenter; 4:0 mc. Auditor Truver informed the council that the city wide clean up day will be May 19, 2022. Discussion on bids for the light plant construction. The bid advertisements will be placed in the Grand Forks Herald. Auditor Truver presented a wage increase for Aaron Carter as he has been filling in as the street superintendent for the last month. Motion made to approve a wage increase for Aaron Carter to \$25.66 per hour. RCV M/S/P- Vaughn, Beard; 4:0 mc. OM Walton presented Brad Westman as a potential new hire. Motion made to approve hiring Brad Westman at \$24.87 per hour. RCV M/S/P- Beard, Berry; 3:0 mc. (Vaughn abstained). Auditor Truver presented changes to the Employee Handbook relating to overtime pay for exempt employees in the case of a declared emergency. Motion made to approve changes to the handbook as presented. M/S/P- Berry, Carpenter; 4:0 mc. The wage increase request from Casey Krieg was tabled until budget discussions.

Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Hinkle recognized all the help the community provided during the flooding. Councilman Vaughn asked about having a city wide cleanup in the fall as well. Councilman Berry recognized the Mennonite Church in Grafton for their help sandbagging. OM Walton recognized the fire department for their help with flooding.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 8:58 PM Vaughn.

Approved By:

Lacey Hinkle, Mayor

Attested To:

Kelli Truver, City Auditor