

City of Forman, North Dakota  
Regular City Council Meeting  
June 9, 2020

The Forman City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members Luke Anderson, Al Colemer, John Stenvold and Neil Weaving. Also attending were Trish Pearson, Paige Cary and Lyle Bopp.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant for Central Grocery was called to order. The project involves funds to assist with inventory and working capital to reopen the grocery store. The project would be run through the city, but there is no obligation or liability to the city. Central Grocery owner Brandon Pankow was on hand to give the council an update on the progress of the store. Target opening date is still August 1<sup>st</sup>. There was no one else in attendance to comment on the CDBG request. A motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve sponsoring the Community Development Block Grant for Central Grocery as requested. Roll call vote – all voted in favor. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed.

Moore Engineering was not in attendance, but submitted a report. Scott's Electric should be in Forman on Wednesday, June 10 to begin the repairs as designated in the inspection. Landon Carlblom will start working next week on the drainage issues that resulted from the design flaws in the trail.

Sheriff Travis Paeper was on hand to report on policing activities. Calls during May included several domestics, a fireworks complaint, runaway juvenile, unattended death and several dog complaints.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the city auditor's report including the May financial statements, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the city superintendent's report. They were very busy throughout the month of May and recently had to attend to a water line break that interrupted water service to the Hole in One. The leak was under Highway 11. They repaired the line by inserting a poly water line inside the existing 2" PVC pipe and securing the line on either side of the highway.

Attorney Lyle Bopp reported that the hole that remains from the house being torn down at 213 2<sup>nd</sup> St will be filled in and leveled soon. He is continuing to work on obtaining an easement on a property and has been looking into a discrepancy in plat maps for a lot in Forman's Second Addition.

Economic Development Coordinator, Paige Cary presented the Main Street Initiative Community Action Plan to the council and asked for the council's approval. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the Main Street Initiative Community Action Plan as written. Motion carried.

Paige asked the council if they would be interested in participating in the virtual Entrepreneur Lab run by Rebecca Udem from Oakes. They have a grant for the first year that would reduce the cost to participating cities to \$1,500 per year. After the first year, the participation cost is \$2,000 per year. The program is designed to assist both new and existing businesses to grow and thrive through consulting services and various programs offered in a virtual setting. The council expressed interest. Paige will ask Rebecca to attend our July meeting to make a presentation.

Paige also asked the council if they would be interested in building a spec house through the county JDA. The spec houses in Milnor and Gwinner have both sold. The council expressed some interest. Luke and Paige will gather additional information from JDA.

In old business, it was noted that the roof replacement on the restroom at the campground is in process. The repairs on the red shed will follow. The pool is progressing, though there are delays with the new pool liner.

In new business, the council discussed the sirens in town. They went off with the tornado warning, but many residents did not hear the sirens. Kevin will look into the possibility of adding another siren. We need to

determine who is setting off the siren for Forman and let them know to text Paige so she can send out an alert through our website. Lyle stated that the county is now part of the Code Red program. If a citizen opts into the program, they will get a warning on their cell phone similar to the amber alerts that are sent out. You must request to participate. It is not automatic.

Trish Pearson asked the council for guidance on re-opening the hall for rentals. The state has designated that this is allowed at 75% capacity, which is 188 people for our hall. At this time, there can be no open bars or bands, but guidelines are changing daily. For now the council said to allow rentals with the limited capacity.

Mayor Bopp noted that he previously approved a building permit for Matt and Katie Wolters to move a shed onto their property.

A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Neil Weaving to set the City Auditor's Bond per NDCC 40-21-02 at the current State Bond Fund amount of \$673,713. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by John Stenvold to approve the gaming authorization for the Forman Golf Association at the Hole in One Bar and Grill for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the permit to have chickens for Tyler Olson contingent upon receiving a signature from his neighbor across the road from his house. Motion carried.

Independence Day will be observed on Friday July 3, 2020.

The Organizational Meeting per NDCC 40-21-02 will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Kevin Bopp, Mayor

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Trish Pearson, City Auditor