

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
May 9, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by City Council President, Luke Anderson. Present were council members Neil Weaving, Al Colemer, and Mayor, Kevin Bopp, via phone. Also attending were Sara Dux, Lyle Bopp, Travis Paeper, Mike Walstead, and Jamie Stanton Ring.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by John Stenvold to approve minutes from the April 11th regular city council meetings. Motion carried.

Sheriff Travis Paeper addressed the council. Paeper reported a higher number of nuisance calls and assisting with a couple juvenile investigations. He also informed the council that the officers attended post prom to make sure there were no drugs or alcohol being brought in.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the city auditor's report including the April 2023 financial statements, delinquency list and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

ACME TOOLS \$241.99; ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY \$51.50; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$57.36; AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$733.98; BOPP LAW OFFICE \$500.00; CITY OF FARGO \$28.00; DAKOTA PLAINS \$1,293.66; DICKEY RURAL \$509.65; FERGUSON BROTHER EXCAVATING INC. \$1,342.50; FORMAN BUCKS \$100.00; FORMAN GOLF ASSOCIATION \$573.54; FORMAN LUMBER & FIREWORKS \$138.99; FORMAN PARK BOARD \$1,720.62; FORMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY \$86.94; HARRINGTON \$403.32; HAWKINS, INC. \$3,830.07; JP MORGAN CHASE \$402.77; KIRKS AG REPAIR \$22.50; MARC \$567.55; NATIONWIDE \$1,070.06; ND DEPT OF ENV QUALITY 4 \$13.24; ND PERS \$108.13; ONE CALL CONCEPTS \$5.20; OTTERTAIL POWER \$4,935.35; PIFERS AUCTION \$70.00; RUTLAND OIL COMPANY \$1,110.00; SARGENT COUNTY AUDITOR \$734.40; SARGENT COUNTY TELLER \$465.46; SOUTHSIDE AUTOMOTIVE \$3,594.19; STOCK GROWERS BANK \$20.16; US TREASURY \$3,421.07; USPS \$4.79; WASTE MANAGEMENT \$3,403.41; PAYROLL \$13,989.64

Jamie Stanton Ring noted that the cybersecurity grant for sonic walls has been awarded. All equipment has been ordered and should be installed next week. Setting a time frame for the maintenance workers' training was discussed as well as cell phone reimbursement for all employees.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Neil Weaving to reimburse full-time employees \$50/month and part-time employees \$25/month for their cell phones. Roll call vote: Anderson, aye, Colemer, aye, Stenvold, absent, Weaving, aye. Motion carried.

City attorney, Lyle Bopp, provided an update on mailboxes that are knocked down. He shared that if the city is moving snow and the snow knocks the mailbox down it is the owner's responsibility to replace/fix it, but if the city knocks it down then the city replaces it.

City Superintendent, Donavon Hajek, joined the meeting to review his report. He plans on completing his written CDL testing on Wednesday. All the tools in the shop need to be valued for insurance. He talked about the storm drain that goes through East Antelope, on the gravel section, and how ND sewage came and cleaned out a bunch of tree roots. He also had Jetway clean out about 600 ft of the storm drain that was full of roots. The culvert behind Green Ave keeps caving in at multiple places. The whole culvert needs to be replaced. He will get an estimate on this. The culvert under the catholic church driveway has been blocked. Donavon had it blown out, but it is on the church's agenda to take care of. The little white church behind the drug store was having water issues. They thought it was a pipe, that was possibly hit, but that was not the problem. Neil and Donavon have talked about the siren and the way it sounds. All voltages have been checked, connections were tightened and the motor wound to 1800 RPMs. Seems louder now after some adjustments.

Mike Walstead brought up his plans to build a personal storage building for his camper on the four lots on 2nd street that he purchased from Trent Nelson. . He'd like to have 16 ft sidewalls. The building will be 48'x54' with two overhead doors. He will get a building permit filled out and submitted.

Sara Dux reviewed her report for the month noting that she would like to change the nomination process for the citizen of the year award next year. Siren Days is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th and will go on rain or shine. Next year she would like to have the parade loop around and end at the courthouse with plans of serving food. She brought a brochure on the Decot siren and shared that KFGO covered the story of the siren. Sara went over Forman's strategic plan. There needs to be a review of ordinances so that they can be enforced. She talked about how the renaissance zone can be added to and proposed that 5 blocks be

added. She talked about replatting the new south division and keeping options open for a mobile home park. The industrial area needs more infrastructure, but the frontage road seems to be a main concern. There are plans for a career fair next spring to help fill summer positions. It was suggested to find a spot for a youth center, but for now the library will plan on offering more youth type programs. She addressed the need to make a continued plan for sidewalks and get speed signs on Hwy 11. She will continue advertising for the city of Forman along with promoting community involvement.

The council discussed old business. Jamie gave an update on the snow grant. Labor hours and spreadsheets have been completed. We are now working on getting everything submitted.

In new business, it was discussed and decided to delay the second reading of the sales tax ordinance until the June meeting.

Sargent County District Health Units sent a letter requesting the city to sell the lot south of their building, Parcel # 26-8050000 (City of Forman, Lot 18, Block 7 of Original). A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer, to approve the sale contingent on a building permit being completed and building within 24 months of purchase. Roll call vote: Colemer, aye, Stenvold, absent, Anderson, aye, Weaving, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the gaming site authorization at Deuces, LLC for the Rutland Sportsman Club . Roll call vote: Stenvold, absent, Weaving, aye, Anderson, aye, Colemer, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the building permit for Brenda Peterson to put in a cement patio connected to the front steps. Roll call vote: Weaving, aye, Anderson, aye, Colemer, aye, Stenvold, absent. Motion carried.

In notices, the city hall and shop are closed on Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day

Our next regular council meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Jamie Stanton Ring, City Auditor