

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
February 12, 2019

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Cavin Berube updated the council on the Trail Project. Knife River submitted a new time schedule for completion of the work this spring. They are aware of the corrective work to be done. Estimated liquidated damages will be about \$60,000 by the time the project is completed. Moore Engineering is still waiting for approval of the change order for the engineering agreement. The council wants to wait until all members are present. A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Neil Weaving to table consideration of the amendment until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Cavin did a walk through at the water plant, as the technical support period is complete. There was a short punch list created that will need to be corrected before final sign off on the project.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by John Stenvold to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 council meeting. Roll call vote: Stenvold – aye; Weaving – aye; Anderson and Colemer absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the city auditor's report including the January financial statements, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Roll call vote: Stenvold – aye; Weaving – aye; Anderson and Colemer absent. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the city superintendent's report commenting that the guys are doing a great job of removing snow.

Sheriff Travis Paeper was not present.

Paige Cary review activities for economic development with the council. She is promoting the sale of city owned lots, use of the renaissance zone and is continuing to search for grant opportunities. She submitted a list of ideas for using our remaining JDA funds for the council to review. Cary also shared feedback from the Facebook survey on the chicken ordinance.

City Attorney, Lyle Bopp had some suggestions for additional revisions to the proposed changes to the ordinance that would allow chickens. Seeing as two council members were absent, A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Neil Weaving to table the 2nd reading of the ordinance until the next meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve retaining Versella Nelson, CPA to prepare the 2018 audit. Roll call vote: Stenvold – aye; Weaving – aye; Anderson and Colemer absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by John Stenvold to approve the residential property tax exemption application submitted by Anderson Seed Farms. Roll call vote: Stenvold – aye; Weaving – aye; Anderson and Colemer absent. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the 2008 and 2015 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Projects as requested by Sargent County EMS Coordinator, Wendy Willprecht. Some items will need additional research to determine if they are complete or still required.

The council discussed the short fire hydrant located by the 14-plex in the south addition. Trish Pearson stated that the property owner had been contacted about keeping the snow cleared around the hydrant. The council advised that the city superintendent keep an eye on it, and if deemed necessary, to add a riser to the hydrant this spring.

City hall and shop will be closed Monday, February 18, 2019 for President's Day.

Mayor Kevin Bopp will be in Bismarck the week of February 18.

City auditor, Trish Pearson will be on vacation February 25 through March 1.

Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor