

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
May 14, 2019

The Forman City Council meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members Al Colemer, and Neil Weaving. Absent were Luke Anderson and John Stenvold. Also attending were Attorney Lyle Bopp, Trish Pearson and Paige Cary. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There was no report from the city engineer.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve minutes from the April 9, 2019 regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

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

The council reviewed the City Superintendent's report. They discussed the possibility of cutting back cleanup days to once per year. Mayor Bopp will discuss it with the superintendent. We need to explore options to stop illegal dumping and theft at the city lot.

There was no report from the Sheriff.

Attorney Lyle Bopp stated that he has not been able to get to the courthouse to review the vacated alleys and streets in question, but will work on it. He has contact several cities to see what they have done about drone ordinances, but not one has done anything yet. Drones are a topic on the legislative review session he will be attending.

Paige Cary reported on a conference she attended on emerging entrepreneurs, updates on Carfest, strategic plan framework and committee, business assistance, and a presentation she gave on our shop local campaign for a state webinar.

In old business, Luke was not present to report on his communication with the elevator, but we did receive a letter from a resident stating that it has been very quiet the last month. Mayor Bopp reported that Rural Water is unable to bring water to the industrial-commercial park area for hydrants. We will talk with local contractors about options. Trish Pearson contacted a couple of companies regarding crack sealing in town and striping along Main St. They will be sending quotes. Mayor Bopp reported that the siren testing was successful. The siren at the fairground is operational. Both sirens were sounded from the handheld radios. When asked if we want to tie the two sirens tied together so they both sound at noon, 6:00 and 9:00, the consensus was no. Sargent County EMS is asking that we participate in once per month testing on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. We will participate.

The city received two applicants for the position of summer lawn mowing and maintenance work. Mayor Bopp conducted phone interviews with both candidates. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to hire Ron Bellin for the position at a starting rate of \$12/hour to begin immediately. Motion carried.

The city received quotes for Swanston Equipment of Fargo and Lillegard's Equipment of Wahpeton for a new Bobcat and snow blower attachment, trading our current unit and snow blower. The quotes were comparable however, the unit at Swanston Equipment is already built and on the lot. Lillegard would need to place an order and have a unit built. There is a potential buyer for the new unit when we trade it next year, however, they would want the high-flow option, which they are willing to pay for up front. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve the purchase of a new Bobcat S590 and SB200 snow blower keeping the price to boot to the city under \$5,000. Motion carried. We will check on the high-flow options. If Swanston has a unit already built, we will go with them. If not, we will go with Lillegard as their quote was slightly less.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve a building permit for Dennis Nelson to build a new porch on his apartments. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve a building permit for Jesse Mastenbrook to build a fence at the home he is purchasing at 400 Cedar Ave W. Motion carried.

Rick Hoistad asked Mayor Bopp if he could plant alfalfa in the field east of the lagoon. The council has other plans for that parcel and the request was denied.

Due to budget constraints and timing, the August meeting will be moved to the first Tuesday.

Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor