

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
June 11, 2019

The Forman City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members Al Colemer, Luke Anderson and Neil Weaving. Absent was John Stenvold. Also attending were Attorney Lyle Bopp (joined later), Trish Pearson and Paige Cary. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

David Reuer and Susan Skaro did not show for their agenda item.

Cavin Berube reported on the trail project. The seeding and signage is complete. Pavement marking will be completed soon. Knife River is disputing the amount of the liquidated damages and has requested a meeting with the city, DOT and Moore Engineering. That meeting will take place Monday, June 17.

The council previously agreed to retain Moore Engineering to review technical data on the water plant twice per year. Berube will have a contract drawn up for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve minutes from the May 14, 2019 regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

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

The council reviewed the City Superintendent's report. There was continued discussion of cutting back cleanup days to once per year or making the fall cleanup a drop off rather than pickup. No decision was yet made.

The Sheriff was not present though he reported that we had a theft at the campground when two youth broke into the payment box. We have not yet recovered those funds.

Attorney Lyle Bopp is working with two property owners on a street/alley vacation. He will continue to research the other areas of the city that are marked as vacated by our engineers, but not recorded.

Paige Cary reported her activities. The AARP grant is in process. If awarded, it will provide for an arbor, table, chairs and planters for the vacant lot next to the District Health building. Ann Nelson will chair the planting and layout. There is a community meeting Tuesday, June 18. She encouraged all council members to attend. She reviewed another city's entrepreneurial grant information. She will draw up something similar for the council to consider. Many hours have been spent on CarFest planning and promotion. The mural is coming along well and will be unveiled at CarFest at 5:00 pm.

In old business, we still need to review options on hydrant coverage. The city is now eligible for CDBG funding, so that may be an option next year. We requested bids from three companies for crack sealing and two companies for striping. We received one bid each. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Luke Anderson to accept the bid from Roadway Services of Fargo to rout and seal cracks and the bid from Advance striping of Fargo to repaint the stripes and parking areas on Main St and between the Drug store and grocery store. Motion carried.

AW Diesel is now an authorized Bobcat Dealership – Bobcat of Gwinner. They submitted a bid for a new Bobcat and snow blower, trading out our old machine for \$1,600. Their bid is considerably less than previous quotes obtained. A motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Neil Weaving to purchase from Bobcat of Gwinner. Motion carried.

Forman Lumber and Fireworks submitted a bid to replace three windows at city hall. We replaced the other three windows two years ago. Jerry Sappa said he would install them for the same price as last time. A motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Al Colemer to approve the bid and have the windows installed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the resolution setting auditor's bond per NDCC 40-13-02. Motion carried.

Neil Weaving requested assistance from the city to get his new business, Waverly's LLC, up and running. He asked about JDA funds and/or utility assistance. This falls into the same entrepreneurial grant Paige talked about earlier. They will work together to create a proposal that will help his business and other small businesses in the future.

Wendy Willprecht asked the person doing a homeland security audit to walk thru our water plant and identify areas of vulnerability. Several areas were identified. Mayor Bopp asked Paige if she would work with Wendy to see if there are any grant opportunities to do the suggested work.

Mayor Bopp brought up that he has received numerous complaints about Reuer's new red shed on Main Street. The deed stated that the structure was to be in keeping with his current dwelling, which it is not. He will have a discussion with the homeowners.

Reminder that the August meeting will be moved to the first Tuesday.

Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor