

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
August 10, 2021

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dave Jacobson asked the council permission to purchase cemetery lots 19A, section 2, lots 1,2,3,4. These lots are on city records as belonging to Dr. N.G. Hubbard. Attorney Lyle Bopp researched the lots. The deed for these was never recorded, the lots are more than 100 years old, and there are no known descendants alive. Bopp probed the lots to ensure there was no one buried on those lots without markers. Due to the age of the lots and that the deed was never recorded, the lots technically still belong to the city. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to sell Lot 19A, Section 2, Plots 1 & 2 of the Original Cemetery to Dave Jacobson and sell Lot 19A, Section 2, Plots 3 & 4 of the Original Cemetery to Dan Jacobson for the purchase price of \$100 each pending paperwork from city attorney Lyle Bopp. Roll call vote: Anderson – absent; Stenvold – absent; Weaving – aye; Colemer – aye. Motion carried.

There was no report from the sheriff.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve minutes from the July 20, 2021 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 July financial statements, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

This was Paige Cary's final meeting as Economic Development Coordinator. Cary stated that she has been tying up loose ends and getting things ready to turn over to our new employee, Sara Dux.

In old business, Trish got quotes from Dickey Rural Networks to place cameras at the city compost site and at the Highway Park and Campground. We contacted Harvey Kleingarn and he is agreeable to leasing a spot on his shop building to mount a camera. The council reviewed the proposal, but would like to pursue additional options for the compost site that would allow real time monitoring. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve the installation of cameras at the Highway Park & Campground, but to further investigate options for the compost lot. Motion carried.

The city held interviews for the position of City Coordinator and the Library interviewed for the position of Librarian. Sara Dux (Just) applied for both positions, was selected to fill both positions and accepted. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the hiring of Sara Dux (Just) for both the City Coordinator and the Librarian positions. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve three building permits:

- 1) Permit for Ray-Mac to construct a sound control fence behind their building;
- 2) Permit for TON Construction to pour a 9' x 52' apron on the Maple Ave side of his building on the corner of Main St and Maple Ave;
- 3) Permit for Kevin and Mindie Bopp to pour a 12' x 22' cement patio behind their home.

Motion carried.

Mayor Kevin Bopp obtained a quote from Bobcat of Gwinner to replace the city Bobcat. There were two models, each with different packages quoted. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve the purchase of the S66 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer with the C68 comfort package at a net cost to the city of \$6,317.41 after trade. Purchase is pending approval by city superintendent Anthony Fiala. Motion carried.

The city council will meet as the Forman Housing Authority at our next city council meeting. We will also review the city strategic plan.

The annual budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Our next regular council meeting will be held immediately following the budget hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor