

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
February 9, 2021

The Forman City Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members Luke Anderson, John Stenvold and Neil Weaving. Al Colemer was absent. Also attending were Trish Pearson, Paige Cary, Lyle Bopp, Deputy John Wold.

Deputy Wold reported that there were many traffic citations issued in January and that the department is working to make a stronger presence at the school. Otherwise, Forman has been quiet. No written report was provided.

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

A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 regular city council meeting. 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. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the city superintendent's report. There was a major water break at the nursing home that resulted in a water loss of about 250,000 gallons of water. The break was on the nursing home property so the repair was not the city's responsibility, but we assisted with labor and assuring water was draining away from the facility. Neil Weaving asked that the streets be sanded, as there are patches of ice all around town, but especially on Green Avenue. Luke Anderson made a note that the speed limit sign on Main Street as you are coming into town is crooked. The post is loose in the ground and will need to be reset, possibly with concrete, this spring.

Attorney Lyle Bopp reported that a deed for the sale of the lots in the Industrial Park to Rick Hoistad has been prepared and signed. He will hold the deed until Hoistad gets back in town and pays for the lots. Bopp said it was a quiet month but he did do some research into the requirements of selling property by the Housing Authority.

Economic Development Coordinator, Paige Cary reported that she has been working with Sargent County JDA on the Career Builder's program and a marketing campaign they are looking into to bring more people to Sargent County. She has also been working with Amy Anderson on the Citizen of the Year program. Committee members have been selected. They hope to have their first award in March.

Paige then led the council through our semi-annual review of the strategic plan. There are a number of items that we have accomplished and can be removed from the plan. A few items were re-prioritized and a couple of items were dropped as they are covered by other entities. Items we can look at adding are crosswalks by the school with pedestrian signs and an electric car charging station.

Hope Electric solicited a project to the city to replace all existing light fixtures with direct wire LED tubes. The project utilizes a 50% grant through the ND Department of Commerce. They would provide all the work on the grant applications and submissions. The total cost to the city would be \$4,814.50 with the grant. The lights would be replaced at city hall, city library, city shop and the water plant. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the lighting project as quoted by Hope Electric with Hope to provide all the grant paperwork. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by John Stenvold to approve the gaming site license for Rutland Sportsman's Club at Deuce's for the remainder of the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Motion carried.

The city received a letter from the Garrison Diversion for their recreation grant program. The city could utilize this grant to add spaces to the campground, put in a volleyball court or other recreational uses. Trish Pearson will come up with some ideas and costs and bring it to the March meeting.

The City Hall and Shop will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of President's Day. Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor