

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
January 10, 2023

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

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

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

City Superintendent Donavon Hajek was not present. The council did not have any comments on the report.

Sheriff Travis Paeper reviewed the policing report for the month of December. Several vehicles were given warning tickets during the snowstorm. Most of those vehicles were moved by the next day. There were several incidents in town including domestics and a recent assault at Deuce's. There was a complaint about a loud snowmobile in town. It is okay to drive a snowmobile from a resident to the trails at the highways, but not to drive around in town on the road, sidewalks, or boulevard. Snowmobiles have not been a problem in town. If anyone has an issue, they should contact the sheriff's office as it is occurring. Attorney Lyle Bopp handed out the new policing contract he drew up based on the previous council motion increasing the contract by 8%. Sheriff Paeper stated that the county only approved a 7% increase in salaries and we should change the contract. A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Luke Anderson to change the policing contract from the previously approved 8% increase over last year to 7%. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Al Colemer to approve the city auditor's report including the December financial statements, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

Trish Pearson said she filed the Notice of Intent to apply for the state cybersecurity grant. There has been no further word on when the process will begin.

Lyle Bopp said that he did not discuss with the rest of the commissioners the possibility of obtaining a portion of the fairgrounds from the county for future expansion for the city. This will be the 100th Sargent County Fair.

Sara Dux reviewed her report for the month. The Holidays on Ice event went well. The Community Club will take over the lead role for the event next year. There are plans to expand the event as it was well received.

Mayor Kevin Bopp reminded the council that the North Dakota League of Cities sponsors a random drug testing program that is available to all cities at a reasonable cost. Anyone who holds a CDL should be enrolled in the program. Other duties of our city workers would qualify them for the program based on public safety.

Susan Parrow stopped by city hall and asked why she never got any action on her building permit for a fence. She said she no longer wants the permit, but does want to know why it wasn't acted upon. There was miscommunication between Mayor Bopp and Parrow. Kevin stated he would call her tomorrow.

There was discussion about the possible purchase of either a show pusher for the payloador or a snow gate for the maintainer. Either option would be around \$25,000. Kevin asked the council to look for options and pricing and bring them back to a future meeting.

The city hall and shop will be closed on Monday, January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

Our next regular council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Since this is Valentine's Day and two council members will be out of town, it was decided to move the meeting up a week to Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor