

City of Forman, North Dakota  
Regular City Council Meeting  
July 20, 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 Lyle Bopp joined the meeting later. John Stenvold was absent. Also attending were Trish Pearson, Paige Cary, and Deputy Wyatt Schilling.

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.

Deputy Wyatt Schilling reviewed the policing report. There were 97 calls in June including two arrests and five criminal investigations. Deputy Schilling said DUI's were up. They gave out numerous speeding warnings.

Keith Gunderson was not present but stopped by the office earlier to say he would not be purchasing the lots that he requested to buy at a previous meeting.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve minutes from the June 8, 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 June financial statements, payment of the bills and the delinquency report, writing off the account of Angela Greenwood who moved out of state without paying her final bill. We have no forwarding address. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the city superintendent's report.

Paige Cary asked the council to approve the final Renaissance Zone Project for Dennis Nelson. She has inspected the property and received the required receipts for the project. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve the final Renaissance Zone Project for Dennis Nelson. Motion carried.

Paige presented the business incentive application for Deuce's. She chose the option of one year's free base water, sewer and garbage with \$200 after the first year in business. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the business incentive application for Deuce's. Motion carried.

Paige asked the council to consider having a professional city brochure printed. She shared a sample of the brochure Gwinner did along with a quote from J&M Printing. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve printing a quantity of 300 brochures through J&M Printing. Motion carried. Paige and Trish will work on the design.

Mayor Kevin Bopp said the city has received several applications for the city coordinator position and will start interviews next week.

The review of recommendations for ordinance changes was left on the table.

The council reviewed recommended cemetery plots to add as potter's field lots. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to designate Lot 56, Section 4, Plots 1-4 of the Original Cemetery as potter's field plots for City of Forman indigent residents only unless otherwise approved by the city council. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve building permits for Jason Treat to install a 4' black chain link fence and for Jesse Mastenbrook to install two concrete pads and build a garden shed. Motion carried.

Cindy Klapperich from NDSU Extension sent an email stating that the Lead Local program was so successful that they are hosting a second session in September. The council had originally approved \$375 in sponsorship for attendees from Forman. Only \$25 of those funds was utilized. She requested that the council allow the remaining funds to be available for the second training. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to allow the remaining \$350 of designated funds to be available for the September Lead Local training for Forman residents. Motion carried.

The council discussed the future of the Forman Public Library. The library is under-utilized in its current structure. They discussed possible format changes for the library to include more technology and computers with fewer books. They also talked about adding more children's programs. The alternative would be to close the library. There is a library board meeting next week. Neil Weaving will bring up this subject with the board and have them consider some options for the future.

Mayor Kevin Bopp had a discussion with Jon McFarland about some work he wants to do at RayMac. McFarland had a survey done of the property and there appears to be a gap in the trees between their property and the residents behind them. This gap does not show on any of our maps. Attorney Lyle Bopp reviewed the original plat and did not find any gap. Kevin will get a copy of the survey to check against the recorded plat. There is also some question regarding the property lines to the east of the building. Lyle brought copies of the original deeds to RayMac. We will compare these to the survey when we get a copy.

The city had a lease with the Forman Senior Center for use of the building. It was a 10-year lease from May 2011 – May 2021. They asked that the lease be renewed. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to renew the lease with the Forman Senior Center with the same terms and conditions for another 10 years. Motion carried.

Paige gave an update on the spec house. Sargent County JDA met and voted to build three houses per year. Forman will have the first house built and they should break ground this fall.

The council worked on the preliminary expenditure budget for 2022. The preliminary revenue budget was reviewed at the last meeting. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the preliminary budget for 2022. Motion carried.

Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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Kevin Bopp, Mayor

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Trish Pearson, City Auditor