

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
May 11, 2021

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Deputy Wyatt Schilling updated the council on policing activities. There was more activity in April than there has been including a disorderly conduct, several DUI's and five citations.

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve minutes from the April 13, 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 April financial statements, delinquency report and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the city superintendent's report. There have been numerous cases of people taking materials from the city storage lot without purchasing or permission and a lot of dumping of garbage. Anthony asked about putting cameras up and suggested getting permission to install one on B & K Electric's building. He said we have a lot of dumping going on at the campground also. Paige will promote the city policies on dumping and the procedure to dispose of unwanted items. Trish will contact DRN for options and pricing on cameras. Anthony also submitted his priority list of sidewalk repairs for the city. He listed about 500 feet of repairs though there are numerous others. The council determined that our budget might work for one of the repairs and prioritized the stretch on Cedar in front of the Lutheran church west of the alley. We will seek bids for the work.

Attorney Lyle Bopp reported that he has been going through the ordinances and making notes, but would like to meet with Luke and Trish to draft a document that can be presented to the council for approval. He also determined that social services do not cover the cost of cemetery lots for indigent persons, so we should set aside a few lots for that purpose.

Economic Development Coordinator, Paige Cary reported that housing is in very short supply. Sargent County JDA determined a need to build three spec houses each year and keep turning them over. Since Forman was already in the process, we will be the first house built. Paige asked the council if it would consider changing the zoning of block 7, lots 1-8 of the original addition from residential to commercial. She has been working with a potential commercial development if they can procure those lots and if the zoning can be changed. The lots are surrounded by commercial and the area is more suited to that purpose. The council was amenable to the change should this development move forward.

Discussion on chapters one and eight of the ordinances was moved to next meeting.

Russell Boutain had submitted a building permit to add a 5 foot by 18 foot addition to the front of Forman Lumber and Fireworks. He will be removing old windows and adding new doors. He will also be installing all new siding on the east side of the building. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the building permit for Forman Lumber and Fireworks to add a 5 foot by 18 foot addition to the front of their building. Roll call vote: Anderson – absent, Colemer – aye, Stenvold – absent, Weaving – aye. Motion carried.

Dakota Sweeping and Striping asked if the city would like to re-stripe Main Street. It has been two years since it has been painted. The cost will be about \$1,500. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to approve re-stripping Main Street. Roll call vote: Anderson – absent, Colemer – aye, Stenvold – absent, Weaving – aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Kevin Bopp noted that he previously approved a building permit for Kevin Maly to build a garage.

Matt Wolters submitted a building permit to install a 4-foot fence on his property. The council wanted more information before they could approve. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to table the permit application pending more information and obtaining approval from his neighbors. Roll call vote: Anderson – absent, Colemer – aye, Stenvold – absent, Weaving – aye. Motion carried.

Rutland Sportsman's Club submitted applications for gaming licenses at Deuce's and the No Name Bar. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the gaming license applications for the Rutland Sportsman's Club for operation at Deuce's and the No Name Bar for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Roll call vote: Anderson – absent, Colemer – aye, Stenvold – absent, Weaving – aye. Motion carried.

There have been inquiries to having food trucks in town and Car Fest is coming up soon. We have not yet had the opportunity to review the ordinance regarding transient merchants. Attorney Lyle Bopp stated that the city could vote to temporarily suspend the ordinance. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to temporarily suspend the transient merchant ordinance until our ordinances are updated. Roll call vote: Anderson – absent, Colemer – aye, Stenvold – absent, Weaving – aye. Motion carried. We will look at this again at our next meeting.

Trent Nelson submitted a request to cost share concrete work at his storage shed on the NE corner of Main St and Maple Ave W. The majority of the work is pouring a concrete slab on the city's boulevard. The council had several questions regarding the project and noted that it will need a building permit. A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Al Colemer to table the request until our next meeting. Roll call vote: Anderson – absent, Colemer – aye, Stenvold – absent, Weaving – aye. Motion carried.

Jamie Grothe asked if the city would consider purchasing a lawn sweeper for the cemetery. Forman Lumber and Fireworks has several models they can get. They decided on the 44" sweeper. It will come out of the cemetery maintenance budget.

We will start our budget process next month.

Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor