

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
September 14, 2021

The annual budget hearing was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members, Al Colemer, Luke Anderson, John Stenvold and Neil Weaving. Also attending were Trish Pearson, Paige Cary and Sara Dux.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

There were no residents present. The council had no comments. Auditor, Trish Pearson stated that she updated the cash projections and adjusted one revenue line item so the levy would remain the same as approved in the preliminary budget. A motion was made by John Stenvold, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the final 2022 budget for the City of Forman. Roll call vote: Anderson – aye; Colemer – aye; Stenvold – aye; Weaving – aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Kevin Bopp closed the budget hearing at 6:07 PM and called the regular City Council meeting to order.

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

There was no report from the sheriff.

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

The council reviewed the city superintendent's report noting the latest water leak at curb stop on Maple Ave W. The State Inspector was on site in August to inspect the water plant, lift stations and lagoon. Everything passed inspection. There have been some issues with one of the chemical pump heads. Anthony continues working with Vesco to resolve the issues.

There was no report from the city attorney.

City Coordinator, Sara Dux gave her first report. She is still getting up and running but has taken over the website and Facebook page. Top website visits were for houses for sale and employment. Top Facebook posts were welcoming Deuce's Bar and Work Wednesday – Sargent Central. Sara has scheduled several training events both in person and virtually. Paige Cary assisted in the strategic plan review. The critical point continues to be housing. Some suggestions included free or reduced price lots and taking photos of lots available and posting them. Council president Luke Anderson stated that the city needs to get infrastructure to the remaining lots in the south addition and sewer to the industrial park. We should look at our options to get this done. Our next strategic plan review will be in February. Sara stated she has several ideas for implementing some of the points in the plan and for additional points.

In old business, the council revisited the need for camera coverage at the compost lot. Neil Weaving has researched several options. Putting cameras on the B&K building has too many drawbacks including a distance of 150' and access to the DVR. Kevin Bopp got a quote from one company on a cellular data option, but it was very expensive. John Stenvold suggested using trail cams on a cellular data plan. The city can purchase a data plan just for the camera. While the resolution isn't as high as the DRN cameras, the camera can be set up close and should be able to detect any motion within the lot. A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to authorize John Stenvold to purchase a trail camera up to \$200 and a monthly data plan for the camera. . Motion carried.

Mayor Kevin Bopp reported that the new Bobcat has been ordered. We went with the S66 T4, but with the C52 comfort package at a net cost to the city of \$4,882.99.

Trish Pearson reported that she contacted the NDDOT about placement of our radar speed signs. A permit is required, and the city must meet the DOT specifications. She filed the application for a permit but has not heard back from the state yet.

In new business, Mayor Bopp informed the council he approved two building permits this month. One permit was for Brandon Wyum to add on to his driveway to straighten out the curve in it. The second was for Dennis Nelson to put on an addition to his deck.

Luke Anderson asked the city to consider turning one of the fence sections at the tennis courts into a swinging or sliding gate. This would make access easier for the fire truck to flood the ice rink and would allow access for the park board to bring in an ice house that was donated they plan to use for a place to put on skates and sit. He didn't know if it would be something the city would consider as it is park property. He was asked to get a couple of quotes and bring it back for further discussion.

Mayor Bopp brought up that the school is moving forward with the track complex. He wanted it to be on the city radar.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve the Forman resolution to be a participant in the Sargent County Emergency Management Agency. Motion carried.

Our next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm. – One half hour later than usual due to harvest.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Trish Pearson, City Auditor