

City of Forman, North Dakota
Regular City Council Meeting
June 13, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Kevin Bopp. Present were council members Luke Anderson, Neil Weaving, and Al Colemer. Also attending were Sara Dux, Lyle Bopp, Jamie Stanton Ring, Travis Paeper, and Brenda Peterson.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Neil Weaving, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve minutes from the May 9th regular city council meeting. Motion carried.

Brenda Peterson discussed the purchase of the lot south of the Sargent County District Health Unit (Parcel #26-8050000, Lot 18, Block 7 of Original). A Motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Al Colemer to approve the building permit and sale of the lot for \$1 to Sargent County. Roll call vote: Anderson, aye, Colemer aye, Stenvold, absent, Weaving, aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Travis Paeper addressed the council. Paeper reported that May was a quiet month and there were no issues with graduation. He stated that he had spoken with City Superintendent, Donavon, about the intersections on the frontage road and putting signs up. They were able to close a 6-month investigation with the help of the investigation task force, BCI, and Dickey County. Paeper stated that Sargent County is overdue for a school resource officer. He is working with the 3 schools and will talk to the county. There would be initial costs, but then he could apply for a retention grant. They would also implement a DARE program and speak with counselors. That resource officer would also be able to fill in while others were on summer vacation.

City Superintendent, Donavon Hajek, joined the meeting to review his report. He has completed and passed his CDL permit test and just needs to complete the driving portion. He will complete his water training in November/December of this year. Donavon talked about installing yield signs along the frontage road. He talked about the algae in the lagoons and will be sending in samples soon. There was discussion on doing monthly siren tests as well.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Neil Weaving to approve the city auditor's report including the April 2023 financial statements, delinquency list and payment of the bills. Motion carried.

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES \$247.49, ND PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY \$155,687.50, DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS \$728.20, JP MORGAN CHASE BANK \$486.88, FORMAN BUCKS \$20.00, STOCK GROWERS BANK \$30.40, ALLARD TROPHY COMPANY \$42.50, BOPP LAW OFFICE \$500.00, CITY OF FARGO \$14.00, COMPUTER EXPRESS \$291.97, CROSSROADS ELECTRIC, INC. \$2,048.84, DAKOTA SEPTIC SERVICE \$450.00, EDND \$275.00, FORMAN DRUG \$12.66, FORMAN GOLF ASSOCIATION \$518.44, FORMAN PARK BOARD \$1,555.32, FORMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY \$21.43, FORMAN REPAIR \$54.00, HARRINGTON INDUSTRIAL PLASTICS LLC \$403.32, HAWKINS, INC. \$2,674.36, MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL \$1,355.52, NORTH DAKOTA LEAGUE OF CITIES \$180.00, ND SEWAGE PUMP LIFT STATION \$650.00, ONE CALL CONCEPTS \$4.65, OTTERTAIL POWER CO \$5,001.60, SARGENT COUNTY AUDITOR \$734.40, SARGENT COUNTY TELLER \$376.44, SOUTHSIDE AUTOMOTIVE LLC \$1,754.04, WASTE MANAGEMENT \$3,314.50, PAYROLL \$16,204.98

Sara Dux reviewed her report for the month. She stated that the city will need new planters for the community garden and she would like to add benches too. Sara will need to reapply for the Garrison Diversion grant once the community garden is moved. She said that the state AARP is interested in coming and taking pictures since Forman was the only town in ND to receive this grant. She stated that an automatic door opener was installed at the library.

The government cell phone plan was discussed. It was decided to stick with cell phone reimbursement. A motion was made by Luke Anderson, seconded by Neil Weaving to reimburse the city coordinator, city auditor, and city superintendent \$50/month and the maintenance worker \$25/month for their cell phones. Roll call vote: Anderson, aye, Colemer, aye, Stenvold, absent, Weaving, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Colemer, seconded by Luke Anderson to approve Mike Walstead's building permit if he plans for a 4/12 roof and drains to be plumbed into the city. Roll call vote: Anderson, aye, Colemer, aye, Stenvold, absent, Weaving, aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of the sales tax ordinance took place. Ordinance 2023-1, is increasing the local sales, use and gross receipts tax by 1%. The new rate is 2.5%. The ordinance does not offer exemptions, except for the limited liability exemption for contractors. There is no maximum tax imposed, and no compensation offered. There is no sunset, or termination date for this ordinance. The sales, use and gross receipts tax increase to 2.5% will take effect on October 1, 2023. A motion to approve the sales tax resolution was made by Luke Anderson, Seconded by Neil Weaving. Roll call vote: Anderson, aye, Colemer, aye, Stenvold, absent, Weaving, aye. Motion carried.

In notices, the city hall and shop are closed on Monday, June 19th – Juneteenth and Tuesday, July 4th – Independence Day

Our next regular council meeting is Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Kevin Bopp, Mayor

Jamie Stanton Ring, City Auditor