

City of Lidgerwood
Council Meeting Minutes

July 05, 2022

Council Room

7:00pm

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dale Krause with Council members: Bill Illies, DuWayne Irwin, Richard Novotny, Kevin Oster and Deb Anderson were present. Also present were Pam Gabel, Dean Haase, Nathan Berseth, Gaven Steffens and Cheryl Grenz.

Motion by Kevin Oster to approve the minutes [for June 6th] second by Bill Illies, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to accept them [June 20th minutes] second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to approve [the minutes for June 28th] second by Kevin Oster, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Pam Gabel approached the Council about purchasing the property at 202 2nd Ave SW.

Nathan Berseth talked to the Council about new house in Lidgerwood with the diversion settlement.

Motion by Deb Anderson to sell the old Wollitz property [at 202 2nd Ave SW] to Pam Gabel for a \$1.00 and the City will pay \$2,500.00 towards the special assessments, we'll give her \$600.00 of free utilities and waive the water hook up fee, [as long as she] is in the process or [house is] built in 2 years second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with Bill Illies, Richard Novonty, DuWayne Irwin and Deb Anderson in favor, Kevin Oster abstained and none nay.

Discussion was had about the abstract.

Motion by Deb Anderson that Pam Gabel upgrades her own abstract for the Wollitz property second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with Bill Illies, DuWayne Irwin, Deb Anderson and Richard Novotny in favor, Kevin Oster abstained and none nay.

The Judge's report was given by Leigha Johanson.

The Superintendent's report was given by Gaven Steffens.

Gaven talked to the Council about the backup valve at the lift station.

Motion by Bill Illies to replace the valve at the lagoon with M&M second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Gaven talked with the Council about new power tools for the shop and gave estimates from NAPA Auto Parts.

Motion by Kevin Oster to go with the Milwaukee brand second by Bill Illies, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Kevin Oster brought up to the Council that Gaven ruined some of his personal clothing while using the dura patcher to patch the streets.

Motion by Kevin Oster to give Gaven a \$100.00 clothing allowance for clothes ruined while patching streets second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

The Council discussed the cost of mowing property that has been abated.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to charge \$500.00 for the first mowing and \$250.00 per time after that second by Kevin Oster, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

The Council was told the estimate from Fargo Roofing & Siding to do the City Hall / Library roof was \$47,650.00.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to accept the estimate from Fargo Roofing & Siding to do the roof on the City Hall / Library for \$47,650.00 second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

The Council was given an update on the progress of the annexations.

The Council was informed of the virtual public input meeting on July 28, 2022 for the NDSTREETS project on the Northside of town.

The Council was asked if Nicole Conry could use the \$25.00 deposit, her mother paid, toward the \$125.00 deposit the Council motioned for her to pay at the June meeting. The Council said no.

There was no Police report this month.

The Auditor's report was given by Cheryl Grenz.

Motion by Kevin Oster to approve the Auditor's report second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Motion by Kevin Oster to pay the bills with the addition of JBX for \$975.00 second by Deb Anderson, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

The Utility Report was given by Cheryl Grenz.

Nothing for the Airport Authority report this month.

The Housing Authority report was given by DuWayne Irwin.

The Library Board report was given Bill Illies.

Resolution 357 – Establishing Criteria for Consideration of Granting a Partial or Complete Exemption from Ad Valorem Taxation Pursuant to Section 40-57.2-03 was presented to the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 357

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING A PARTIAL OR COMPLETE EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-57.1-03

WHEREAS, NDCC Section 40-57.1-03 authorizes a municipality to grant a partial or complete exemption from ad valorem taxation on all buildings, structures, fixtures, and improvements used in or necessary to the operation of a project for a period of not exceeding five years for a project operating in the retail sector; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lidgerwood did vote the question in the statewide general election held on November 3, 2020, at which election the voters approved the City Council being empowered to grant property tax exemptions upon application of a new or expanding retail sector business by vote of 164 yes and 124 no; and

WHEREAS, in order to fully comply with NDCC Section 40-57.1-03, the City of Lidgerwood has determined to establish criteria required by this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lidgerwood, Richland County, North Dakota, that the City Council shall, before granting a partial or complete exemption from ad valorem taxation under Section 40-57.1-03 evaluate and consider the following criteria along with any other criteria that it determines appropriate:

1. The potential positive and/or adverse consequences for existing retail sector businesses in the City resulting from granting the exemption;
2. The short-term and long-term effects for other property taxpayers in the City resulting from granting the exemption;
3. Entering a written agreement with the project operator which includes performance requirements for which the exemption may be terminated by the governing body of the City if those requirements are not met;
4. Whether the project operator would locate the project within the City without the exemption;
5. Potential cost to the City for infrastructure improvements and/or services;
6. The potential positive and/or adverse consequences for the residents of the City; and
7. "Retail" shall be defined as the term is defined in NDCC Section 57-39.2-01 as the same may be amended from time to time.

Motion by Deb Anderson to approve Resolution 357 second by Kevin Oster, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

The Council was given the information for Renaissance Zoning from Mitch Calkins with Lake Agassiz.

The street by Jason Forster's was brought up to the Council, that it does not go passed his drive way. The Council will discuss more at the next meeting.

The water issue by Jason Forster's was brought up to the Council. The Council does not feel there is anything they can do.

The KC Hall would like 2 special event permits, one for July 23rd and one for August 17th.

Motion by Kevin Oster to grant the Special event permits for the KC Hall for both dates second by DuWayne Irwin, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

A building permit was submitted to the Council for Tom Steinlicht.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to give Tom Steinlicht the building permit second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

The Mayor Dale Krause brought it to the Councils attention that Dennis Smykowski would like to purchase the former Kenneth Smykowski property. It will be tabled until the next meeting to get Dennis Smykowski's intention with the property.

The City was give the go ahead to install DSDS Speed signs at the 25 mph speed signs.

The Council discussed some of the dangerous buildings within the City. The Belcher house will be the house to go through the dangerous building abatement process.

Motion by DuWayne Irwin to adjourn meeting at 9:39 pm seconded by Richard Novotny with all in favor and none nay.

X

Cheryl Grenz
City Auditor

X

Dale Krause
Mayor

Minutes are subject to revision and approval and the next regular council meeting.