

City of Lidgerwood
Council Meeting Minutes

September 05, 2023

Council Room

7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Oster with Council members Deb Anderson, Tanya Bohnenstingl, Richard Novotny, and Dylan Anderson present. Council member Bill Illies and DuWanye were absent. Also present were Donald Ault, Brett Wolfe, Darby Harles, Diane Arth, Stefanie Hensch, Terry Goerger, Perry Miller, Jesse Logie, Damon DeVillers, Ron Kill, Deputy Grenz, Gaven Steffens, and Cheryl Grenz.

The pledge of Allegiance was offered.

Mayor Kevin Oster would like to appoint Dylan Anderson to the open council seat until the next election.

Motion by Deb Anderson to accept the appointment of Dylan Anderson to the council seat second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Motion by Deb Anderson to accept the minutes from the August 7th meeting second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Donald Ault approached the council about the property at 30 2nd Ave NE and offered \$1.00 to purchase the property from the city.

Motion by Deb Anderson to sell the property at 30 2nd Ave NE to Donald Ault for a \$1.00 with the stipulation that he has to have it remodeled and completed in 2 years or give the property back to the city second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Brent Wolfe and Darby Harles, with the LPDC, talked with the council about the city website and hiring someone to redo the website and if the city would help pay for it.

Motion by Tanya Bohnenstingl to pay \$650.00 to help for this site for the first 6(six) months than revisit second by Dylan Anderson, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Diane Arth talked with the council about the building permit to move a mobile home on to 126 4th Ave NE.

Motion by Dylan Anderson to approve the building permit for Diane Arth second by Richard Novotny, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Stefanie Hensch approached the Council about a special event permit for Heritage Days Saturday, July 27, 2024.

Motion by Deb Anderson to allow the Lidgerwood Bar & Lounge to have a special permit on July 27, 2024 second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

County Commissioner Terry Goerger talked with the Council about contracting with the District Court to help with ordinance enforcement.

Jesse Logie informed the council that he will not be able to purchase the property at 30 2nd Ave NE.

The Council talked with Damon DeVillers from Interstate Engineering about the cost of the sidewalk project on the southside of town. Damon let the council know that the bills are accurate.

The Judge's report was given by Ron Kill.

The Auditor informed the Council that Dyllan Jones would like to purchase the property at 118 5th Ave NE and place a mobile home on it.

Motion by Dylan Anderson to sell Dyllan Jones 118 5th Ave NE for \$500.00 with the stipulation that he has to have the mobile home on the property with in 2 years and it must be skirted second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Deputy Grenz gave the police report.

The Superintendent's report was given by Gaven Steffens. He let the council know that the sewer jetter is in need of major repairs and the cost to do so would be from \$6,000.00 to \$16,000.00. The council asked Gaven to get estimates on a new one.

The Auditor's report was given to the council.

The bills were presented to the Council.

Motion by Dylan Anderson to pay the bills with the addition of the ND DOT bill second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Cheryl gave Utility Report.

Resolution 370 Establishing Water Rates was presented to the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 370
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER RATES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lidgerwood, pursuant to Ordinance 239 of the ordinances of the City of Lidgerwood provides that the City Council may establish water rates for water usage within or from the City of Lidgerwood by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lidgerwood has reviewed the existing rates, the past costs of water production and projected costs of water production provided to the City's users;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lidgerwood, Richland County, North Dakota as follows:

That the monthly rates for water usage within or from the City of Lidgerwood are hereby established at:

Monthly Water Use

\$23.00 Base Rate no gallons included

\$7.00 per 1000 gallons

Monthly Wastewater Use

\$17.00 rate for all residents

\$17.00 rate for all non-residents

Monthly Refuse (Garbage)

\$16.00 rate for all residents

\$16.00 rate for all non-residents

Monthly Recycling Fee

\$5.00 rate for all residents

\$5.00 rate for all non-residents

\$6.00 rate for all businesses

\$3.00 for extra bin

Monthly Additional Fees

\$25.00 West side out of city limits

NSF (NOT SUFFICIENT FUNDS) CHARGE

\$25.00 for each

Be it further resolved that the effective date of this Resolution is January 01, 2024, at which time the rates set forth herein supersede all prior rates.

Motion by Richard Novotny to approve Resolution [370] and increase [the water to \$7.00, sewer to \$17.00, recycling to] \$5.00 [residential] \$6.00 [commercial] and \$3.00 [per extra bin

starting January 1, 2024] second by Dylan Anderson, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

There was nothing to report for or about the Airport Authority this month.

There was no report for the Housing Authority.

There was nothing to report about the library this month.

The 2024 budget hearing will be Monday, October 02, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

The business incentive form that was completed by Stefanie Hensch, the new owner of the Lidgerwood Bar & Lounge was presented to the Council.

Motion by Deb Anderson to allow the Lidgerwood Bar & Lounge to have our new business incentive [starting this month] second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

A chicken permit for Avelino Quintero and Choashania Kitchen was presented to the council.

Motion by Dylan Anderson to approve the chicken permit for Lino and Choashania second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Deb Anderson talked with the council about sending Vetta Simeonidis to the ND League of Cities annual conference for the sessions with grant writing and having her do grant writing for the city, and park board.

Motion by Richard Novotny to send Vetta to ND League of Cities Annual conference for grant writing seminars second by Tanya Bohnenstingl, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

Motion by Tanya Bohnenstingl to adjourn meeting at 9:59 pm seconded by Dylan Anderson, motion carried with all in favor and none nay.

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Cheryl Grenz
City Auditor

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Kevin Oster
Mayor

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