

Mayor Fred Froehlich called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024 in the Council Chambers.

Members and guests sited the words to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition to Mayor Froehlich; Councilmembers: Mary Wels, Matt Anthony, Phil Radel and Kevin Ostermann were present. Others in attendance included Vanessa Drill, and Karen Fluegge.

*The agenda was approved on a motion which was made M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

*The minutes of the Regular meeting of August 12, 2024, were approved on a motion which was made by M. Wels, which was seconded by K. Ostermann, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

*The bills totaling \$52,476.13 were approved on a motion which was made by P. Radel, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.*

*Renewing a CD (200k) that matured on 08/28/24 for another 9 months at a rate of 5.14% was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by P. Radel, which carried with all voting in favor.*

The Clerk noted that the County Attorney's office contacted her regarding Cannabis. The County Attorney was inquiring if the city would have any interest in entering into a joint-powers agreement with the County for the enforcement and regulation of cannabis. The council all voiced that they would entertain the idea when it comes into effect.

The property at 500 7<sup>th</sup> St had been notified that they were to become complaint with Ordinance No. 148 by September 30, 2024 (extension given in 2019). The property owner stopped into the city office and gave an estimate/contract with a company to complete the work. The work is not scheduled until March 2025 due to other issues that were found on the property.

*Extending compliance of Ordinance No. 148 to 500 7th Street, to April 30, 2025 with the enforcement of the \$100 penalty retroactive if not in compliance by said date was approved on a motion which was made by K. Ostermann, which was seconded by M. Anthony, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

Maintenance report was shared:

- \*Waiting on quotes for repair of Water Tower riser pipe and recirculating pump and piping. Will need to be repaired before winter.
- \*Waiting on quotes for check valves that need to be replaced at both Lift Stations, style that we have now are constantly plugged up with rags that are being flushed which reduces pump flow and also allows water to drain back into lift station because valve can't operate correctly.
- \*Company was out on Friday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to repair solar mixers at Ponds, one needed new battery and another needed a control module both should be covered under warranty.
- \*The Wastewater Ponds have high odor due to high CBOD loading, talked with MPCA and they came and took a look at Ponds and are going to see if there's anything that they can do to help us.
- \*Truck quotes are around the \$50,000 mark do we want to pursue truck purchase and get a final quote or hold off if council could provide input?
- \*We will have crack filling and seal coating of streets, and some catch basin repair that probably won't be completed this construction year but will try and get on list for next Spring.

Mayor Froehlich noted that there are 12 trees that are dead along the Mara Tonka Pond that were planted a year and half ago. He got a bids on trees and Traverse des Sioux Garden Center had trees for 50% off and another 10% if \$500.00 was spent. The bid on trees \$1,087.95. The Nicollet Conservation Club offered to donate the monies for the trees.

*Authorizing payment to Traverse des Sioux Garden Center in the amount of \$1,087.95 for 12 trees was approved on a motion which was made by K. Osterman, which was seconded by M. Wels and which carried with all voting in favor.*

A recommendation letter from Bolton & Menk was shared regarding the quotes for the 2024 Pedestrian Safety Improvements (HWY 111 & 6<sup>th</sup> St). Solicitations were sent to five separate contractors and only one (1) bid was received. The engineer's estimate of improvements was \$34,386.25. The one (1) bid from River City Electric Co was in the amount of \$32,451.72, which was 6% below engineer's estimate.

*The bid from River City Electric Co in the amount of \$32,451.72 for 2024 Pedestrian Safety Improvements was approved on a motion which was made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

Reminders of the upcoming, meetings were noted:

- A. Sept 30, 2024 @ 5:30 pm – Special Meeting (2025 Budget/Levy) – Monday
- B. Oct 14, 2024 @ 6:00 pm – Regular Meeting – Monday
- C. Nov 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm – Regular Meeting – Tuesday
- D. Dec 9, 2024 @ 6:00 pm – Regular Meeting – Monday

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m., which was approved on a motion made by M. Anthony, which was seconded by M. Wels, and which carried with all voting in favor.*

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Vanessa Drill, City Clerk/Treasurer