**1-8-2024**

Mayor Frank Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 8th day of January 2024, at 7:04 pm. All members were present. Also present were Jesse Berg, Project Manager with Moore Engineering, Tom Sieg, Maintainer of the Anamoose Lagoon & Sewer, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 12-11-2023 council meeting were read and approved. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF

Treasurer’s Report for December was submitted and accepted as submitted. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

Sieg informed the council that since the December meeting, he has contacted CC Steel and received an estimate to fix the areas of the city’s sewer lines that were highlighted in the Engineering Report from Moore Engineering. The estimate does not include any trenching or replacing of pavement in our streets. Sieg informed Berg of this estimate, and Berg recalculated the cost of the Rehabilitation Project without these areas of repair or the cost of replacing pavement. The original estimate of $1,430,000.00 was reduced to $1,090,000.00. Along with engineering fees, this estimate includes relining of the city’s manholes and clay sewer pipes. The possibility of having an engineer present part-time vs. full-time would reduce the estimate even more. A city is required to have an engineer in place for any project over $250,000.00. Moore Engineering would once again aid the city in the application process for a grant through USDA Rural Development to be used towards the cost of this project. Berg will hold a public information hearing explaining the Sewer Improvement Project in Anamoose in February. He will also discuss the Anamoose Lagoon including the results of their study, and the proposed cost of $950,500.00 for repair. There would be cost savings of doing both projects at the same time. Once the date of this meeting has been set, a notice will be published in the city’s official paper, and flyers will be posted around town. Motion to authorize Moore Engineering to start the application process for a grant through USDA Rural Development for the Anamoose Sewer Relining Project, and to hold a presentation at a public information hearing on the relining of the sewer lines project and the lagoon improvement project. Rudnick/M.Schmaltz. AIF

Rudnick informed the council that the ground temperature in December was too warm for filling the ice-skating rink. The council decided to wait until next season to try again.

Schnase shared information from NDLC on how cities can transfer money from one fund to another. Motion to transfer $23,000.00 from the General Fund to the Streets and Highway Fund, and $2,857.88 from the Service Charge Fund to the General Fund. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

Sieg presented to the council his Anamoose Wastewater System Hours for 2023. He is continuing to flush the manhole by the fire hall on a regular basis. This helps to keep the sewer line on Main Street open. In the spring he is planning to start using enzymes in the manholes and in the lagoon.

The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held on Monday, February 12th at **7:00 P.M.**

The following bills were paid in December:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10993 Kotaco Fuel & Propane Propane for City Shop $ 166.57

10994 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.99

10995 Heringer Lumber Supplies $ 241.42

10996 ND Dept. of Environ. Quality Sewer Expense $ 116.52

10997 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 83.60

10998 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 2,782.25

10999 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 373.74

11000 HAV-IT Services December Pickups $ 107.64

11001 Otter Tail Electricity $ 789.58

11002 Becker Construction Haul Compost to the Dump Ground $ 200.00

11003 NPRWD Water for Skating Rink $ 78.64

11004 Gould Mobile Wash, LLC Wash Pay Loader and Skid Steer $ 165.00

11005 NPRWD Water $ 65.02

11006 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 39.43

11007 FSB – VISA Supplies $ 1.59

11008 Ziegler Oil Furnace Oil for City Shop $ 315.65

11009 Tom Sieg Annual Salary $ 5,000.00

11010 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

11011 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 138.52

11012 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,058.16

11013 Micheal Schmaltz Salary $ 138.52

11014 William Vetsch Salary $ 115.44

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 504.59

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m. upon motion by Rudnick/Mertz. AIF

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City Auditor Signature Date

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved