**2-13-2023**

Mayor Frank Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 13th day of February 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Mike Rudnick, Mike Schmaltz, and Ted Mertz were present. Brady Schmaltz was absent. Also present were Dave Voller, representative of Otter Tail Electric, Cheryl Hager, representative of the City Celebration Committee, Tom Sieg, Maintainer of the Lagoon and Sewer, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 1-9-2023 council meeting were read and approved. Rudnick/Mertz AIF

Treasurer’s Report for January was submitted and accepted as submitted. M.Schmaltz/Rudnick AIF

Voller was present to discuss new regulations that will be set by ND State in the near future. Otter Tail will no longer be able to work on the other side of the meter of the 9 city owned light poles on Main Street. Contracts for servicing these poles will have to come to an end. Six of the poles have mercury vapor bulbs which have become obsolete. The city has recently replaced three mercury vapor bulbs on poles with LED bulbs on the north end of town, and his suggestion is to replace the remaining six mercury vapor bulbs on poles with LED bulbs. The energy savings of the city for converting from mercury vapor to LED is around $1,500 per year. Motion to purchase six (6) LED lights from Border States Electric. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF

Hager shared with the council the plans being made for the City Celebration being held June 30 – July 2, 2023.

She asked the council if Main Street could be blocked off during the duration of the event. The council informed her that we would have to get permission from the McHenry County Commission to block Main Street for an entire weekend. The topic of parking was also addressed. She asked if the city would allow campers on some of the city owned lots. The council said they will consider this and discuss what areas of town would best accommodate RV parking. She requested two gaming permits to sell raffle tickets for this event. Motion to accept two Applications for a Local Permit and allow the sale of raffle tickets. M.Schmaltz/Mertz. AIF

Sieg presented his annual work hours for 2022. He also informed the council that Rural Water has a used metal locator that he would like the city to purchase to help locate sewer lines. After much discussion, the council decided that the city will purchase this equipment. Sieg also mentioned that in a recent meeting with Rural Development, another requirement for the Search Grant Application is that the city have a person listed as a 2nd man to oversee the lagoon and sewer if the City Maintainer is not able to. Sieg is going to work with Julie Hein, with ND Rural Water, to create a manual that may be helpful for the 2nd man if something were to happen. The council will discuss who the 2nd man will be at the March City Council meeting.

The City of Anamoose has been awarded three grants from the Anamoose Area Community Foundation. A grant of $600.00 was awarded for 2023 Main Street Flowers. A grant of $2,000.00 was awarded for Mitigating Impact and will be used for art drawn by local students to be enlarged and placed on the windows of the former grocery store at 703 Main Street. Thirdly, a grant of $3,000.00 was awarded for a mural to be painted on the north side of 707 Main Street, which is owned by the Anamoose JDA and the USDA.

Rudnick shared with the council his concern of the number of unlicensed vehicles parked on private properties in Anamoose. Schnase was asked to review the ordinance on unlicensed or abandoned vehicles and make a list of those who may be violating the ordinance.

M.Schmaltz stated that an Anamoose resident has offered to water the flowers on Main Street this spring and summer. The city owns a water tank that can be used, but a pump and trailer will need to be purchased. The city owned pickup would be used to haul the trailer and water tank.

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The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held Monday, March 13th at **7:00 P.M.**

The following bills were paid in January:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10764 ND State Tax Commissioner 4th Qtr. Withholding $ 55.00

10765 Void $ .00

10766 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 85.36

10767 Napa Skid Steer Repairs $ 40.92

10768 Heringer Lumber City Pickup Repairs $ 64.95

10769 Ironhide Equipment Snow Pusher $ 4,270.00

10770 NPRWD Water $ 65.00

10771 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.80

10772 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 3,890.25

10773 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 326.43

10774 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 38.61

10775 HAV-IT Services January Pickups $ 47.88

10776 Otter Tail Electricity $ 955.83

10777 NPRWD Water $ 65.01

10778 FSB - VISA Supplies $ 256.95

10779 Zeigler Oil Furnace Oil $ 553.80

10780 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

10781 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,355.27

10782 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 55.41

10783 William Vetsch Salary $ 92.35

10784 Michael Schmaltz Salary $ 41.56

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 586.09

EFT ND Job Service 4th Qtr. Unemployment Insurance $ 1,031.03

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. upon motion by Rudnick/Mertz. AIF

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved