**6-12-2023**

Mayor Frank Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 12th day of June 2023, at 7:07 pm. All council members were present. Also present were Butch Ehrman, JoEllen Ehrman, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 5-8-2023 council meeting were read and approved. Mertz/Rudnick. AIF

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

Ehrmans were present to further discuss the purchase of a city owned lot with the council. Schnase shared ordinance number 1.0704 under Article 7 - Purchasing and Disposing of Property. Real property belonging to the municipality shall be conveyed, sold, leased, or disposed of, only as approved of by a two-thirds vote of all members of the governing body. Value of less than $2,500.00 may be sold at private sale. The 50’ x 150’ lot at 10 cents per square foot equals $750.00. The Ehrmans will also pay ½ of the special assessment plus interest for 2023, which equals $283.20, for a total of $1,033.20. Motion to approve the sale of the city owned lot to the Ehrmans for $1,033.20. B.Schmaltz/Mertz. AIF

First District Health Unit has contacted City Hall about the dilapidated building at 614 Main Street. The email stated that their part is complete at this time and no further orders will be sent to the owner, since he has been communicating with the city. Their main concern was the back door opening, which has now been sealed and secured. Since that is now sealed, the nuisance is inside the building which is not under FDHU authority. The owner of the building has agreed to reimburse the city for the supplies and labor that were needed to secure the back door. Further discussion on the demolition of this building was tabled till the July meeting. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

The city has not received any responses from the help wanted ad in the Towner paper for a Part-time Mower and Maintenance position. Schnase was asked to continue the ad for another month, and also place an ad in the Harvey Herald.

Mark and Corinne Engen submitted a request to City Hall for a building permit to build an addition to their garage. Motion to approve the building permit. Mertz/B.Schmaltz. AIF

The council discussed recent activity at the dump ground. Schnase was asked to post a sign at City Hall stating that there is a charge for using the dump ground. The paddle lock will be changed, and requests for keys will require a signature along with a written description of what is being brought to the dump ground.

Two council members shared concern about the exterior condition of several properties in town. Schnase was asked to write letters to several residents who are in violation of the Anamoose City Ordinance pertaining to public nuisances including noxious weeds or grass, and personal property.

The First State Bank of Harvey has submitted an invoice to the city for sewer backup in the basement of the Anamoose location. Mayor Ewert asked Schnase to submit a claim to the city’s insurance.

M.Schmaltz shared with the council a few places in town where paving is needed. He will contact Bechtold Paving and ask that they include these areas when they are in town for the Avenue H West paving project.

M.Schmaltz informed the council that the city has been awarded a tree planting grant. When the city receives the official contract, Schnase will notify residents on how the grant will be carried out.

Mertz shared with the council a question from the Anamoose 125th Anniversary Planning Committee. They are making plans on how to divert traffic through the city during the time when areas of Main Street will be blocked. Mertz will bring a few suggestions of the council back to the committee.

The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held on Monday, July 10th at **7:00 P.M.**

The following bills were paid in May:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10838 NPRWD Water $ 65.01

10839 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 134.64

10840 Heringer Lumber Supplies $ 11.94

10841 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.42

10842 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 1,830.25

10843 Heringer Lumber Supplies $ 43.49

10844 NPRWD Water $ 65.02

10845 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 310.19

10846 DL Barkie Construction, Inc. Lagoon Pumping $ 8,870.00

10847 Napa Mosquito Fogger Battery $ 64.99

10848 Otter Tail Electricity $ 995.14

10849 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 38.60

10850 FSB – VISA Supplies $ 9.63

10851 Nyhus Law Firm Legal Fees $ 43.00

10852 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

10853 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 452.51

10854 William Vetsch Salary $ 277.05

10855 Laurel Schnase (Vacation) Salary $ 406.34

10856 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 1,959.58

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 660.73

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. upon motion by M.Schmaltz/Rudnick. AIF

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City Auditor Signature Date

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Mayor Signature Date the Minuts were approved