**4-11-2022**

Mayor Frank Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 11th day of April 2022, at 7:05 p.m. All Council members were present. Also present were, Carol Conlee, Tom Sieg, Maintainer of the Anamoose Sewer and Lagoon, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 3-14-2022 council meeting were read and approved. M.Schmaltz/Rudnick. AIF

Minutes of the 3-28-2022 special council meeting were read and approved. Mertz/B.Schmaltz. AIF

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

Sieg and Schnase presented to the council a draft letter of request for engineering services to be sent to engineering companies for the Anamoose Wastewater System Project. The council approved the draft with one addition, and asked Schnase to email engineering companies the letter and request a timely response. The interested companies will be considered at the May 9, 2022, Anamoose City Council meeting. Schnase was asked to send a portion of the letter to the Mouse River Journal for publishing.

The council reviewed the 8 applications for the Anamoose Rejuvenation Fund. Conlee was present to ask questions of the council and discuss her application for improvements to the exterior of her house. The council read the note from the anonymous donor on how the funds should be used. Mayor Ewert referred to the note and asked the council to consider this when deciding on how the funds are to be distributed. Conlee left at this point. The council looked at each application individually and made decisions on how each project would fall under the guidelines of the donor’s request. After much discussion, 7 out of the 8 applications were accepted with the total possible disbursement of $6,794.20. Each applicant will need to complete the improvements before reimbursement from the fund. The donor asked that some of the money be used for city improvements, and a portion of the remaining funds will be considered for future projects. Motion to accept 7 applications totaling $6,794.20 for the Anamoose Rejuvenation Fund. Rudnick/M.Schmaltz. AIF

Schnase presented recent emails from AMKO Advisors on refinancing the Anamoose Improvement Bonds of 2013. Considering the current inflation patterns, the council decided to accept the proposal from AMKO Advisors to use Stock Growers Bank to refinance the bonds at the interest rate offered. Motion to work with AMKO Advisors to refinance the Anamoose Improvement Bonds of 2013. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

Mayor Ewert suspended the Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m. and called the Annual Tax Equalization meeting to order. Doris Holen, Anamoose Tax Assessor, joined the meeting at this time. Holen stated there were zero Veteran Credit, and 11 Homestead Credit applications submitted to McHenry County. Also, there were 2 commercial and 6 residential properties that received property tax increases. She added that the property owned by Farmers Union and sold to Dakota Agronomy will be evaluated for next year’s tax assessment because there was a large difference between the sale price and the true and full value. Motion to approve the 11 Homestead Credit applications and the 8 Changes to True and Full Value of Property Increase Values. B.Schmaltz/Mertz. AIF

Motion was made at 8:18 to adjourn the Tax Equalization meeting and to reconvene the City Council meeting.

Last month, the city sold their ½ ownership of the mower to the Anamoose Park Board. The city will need a replacement mower for the 2022 season. As local service of the machine is important, Mertz was asked to continue searching area suppliers to get estimates to bring to the May council meeting.

Boger & Son of Minot plan to submit an estimate for crack filling of Anamoose city streets. This company was used in 2019.

Clean up week for the City of Anamoose is set for June 1-8. Circle Sanitation will allow for excess garbage to be picked up during this time, and will provide a roll-off dumpster for large items east of the City Hall off 2nd St. W. Schnase will be sending letters to all residents informing them of this location change and include a list of allowable items that can be placed outside their residence for pick up.

Peggy and Jack Martin contacted City Hall to request a variance from the city for their building permit. They plan to build a garage next to their modular home and are asking the city for a variance of 3 feet. Weather permitting, the council will meet next week at their property to measure before deciding on this request.

Schnase presented the council an inventory list of items in the city’s security box at First State Bank of Anamoose. This information may be useful in the future.

Rudnick addressed the council on the need for tree trimming in the alley behind Heringer Lumber. The lilacs are overgrown and making it difficult to drive through the alley. Rudnick will talk to Vetsch on when to start on this project. The council discussed other areas in town that would benefit from tree trimming.

Pictures of the recent burn at the dump ground were shared. There may be a need to dig a new pit soon. Mayor Ewert suggested that the council survey the area prior to the May council meeting to see what can be done there.

The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held Monday, May 9th, at **7:00 P.M.**

The following bills were paid in March:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10559 Kotaco Propane for City Shop $ 570.21

10560 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.04

10561 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 81.84

10562 HAV-IT Services February Pickups $ 115.12

10563 Otter Tail Electricity $ 903.43

10564 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 266.89

10565 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 1,765.50

10566 FSB – VISA Supplies & Training $ 505.88

10567 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 38.59

10568 VESERIS Mosquito Spray Chemical $ 4,290.00

10569 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

10570 Laurel Schnase(Wages & Ins)Salary $ 2,063.21

10571 NPRWD Water $ 65.00

10572 Starion Bond Services Principal & Interest for Paving Project $117,942.50

10573 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 173.15

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 492.50

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. upon motion by Mertz/M.Schmaltz. AIF

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved