**4-8-2024**

Mayor Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 8th day of April 2024, at 7:00 pm. Rudnick, M.Schmaltz, and B.Schmaltz were present. Mertz was absent. Also present were Tom Sieg, Maintainer of the Anamoose Lagoon and Sewer, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 3-11-2024 council meeting were read and approved. B.Schmaltz/Rudnick. AIF

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

The council reviewed the Engineer’s Report from Moore Engineering for the Sewer and Lagoon Rehabilitation project. The report stated that the city can choose to use rates or specials to pay for the project, however they must back the project with Special Assessments to cover the USDA Loan. The USDA Rural Development Funding Application is nearly complete. The report also stated that Schnase can certify and submit the application with the City’s approval. Motion to approve Schnase to certify and submit USDA Rural Development project application. M.Schmaltz/B.Schmaltz. AIF.

Sieg presented the council with information from Team Lab. They have a remote-controlled boat that has sonar to measure the sludge in the bottom of the lagoon. Once measured, the city can compare the depth after the enzymes are introduced. In 2 to 3 years, they can measure again to see how the enzymes are working. Sieg will be treating the lagoon approximately May through October each year. Motion to hire Team Lab to survey the lagoon for $800.00. Rudnick/M.Schmaltz. AIF

Sieg informed the council that he noticed a colonization of cottonwood trees that are growing south of the ball diamond on city owned property. The council will investigate his report and decide how to remove these trees.

Schnase informed the council that NPRWD had received the certified letter from City Hall requesting reimbursement for charges directly caused by water lines. If the company does not agree with the charges, the city requested that they send a representative from their company to one of the next council meetings.

Knife River contacted City Hall and invited the council to a Utility Meeting at a time and place to be determined. They will be doing the construction project including the intersection of Hwy. 14 and Hwy. 52.

Schnase shared with the council that she has been working with representatives from the North Dakota League of Cities and the State Auditor’s Office on how to transfer money out of the Service Charge fund. The fund started in 1986 and was originally a charge on each resident’s water bill to be used for street resurfacing and other repairs and or replacement as deemed necessary by the Anamoose City Council. Mosquito spraying, recycling, and other city services have been paid for by this fund. Schnase showed the council that there is currently close to $130,000.00 in the fund. The council decided that $100,000.00 of this fund could be transferred to a Debt Service Fund to be used as a reserve for the Sewer and Lagoon Rehabilitation project. Motion to adopt a resolution declaring the transfer of $100,000.00 necessary from the Service Charge fund to the general fund and put out a question on the ballot for the next regular election for the residents to vote on the transfer. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

The Anamoose City Council approved the Application for a Local Permit for gaming for the Anamoose Civic Club. M.Schmaltz/Rudnick. AIF

Mayor Ewert suspended the council meeting and called the Tax Equalization meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Doris Holen, Anamoose City Assessor, joined the meeting at this time. Holen stated that there were zero Veteran Credit and 14 Homestead Credit applications submitted to McHenry County and approved. Also, there was 1 residential and 1 commercial property that received property tax increases. Motion to approve the 14 Homestead Credit applications, and to raise the True and Full Value of one residential and one commercial parcel. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

Motion was made at 8:12 to adjourn the Tax Equalization meeting and reconvene the City Council Meeting.

Mayor Ewert asked the council if there is an ordinance on shipping containers used for storage on private properties. There are currently a few in town. The council asked Schnase to look at other city’s ordinances regarding these containers and bring information to the next council meeting.

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

The following bills were paid in March:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

11051 VOID

11052 Midwest Graphics & Signs Vibrancy Grant – Window Banners $ 1,933.50

11053 Anamoose 125 Vibrancy Grant – Net Balance $ 1,466.50

11054 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 91.00

11055 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 194.43

11056 Heringer Lumber Supplies $ 42.96

11057 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 310.89

11058 Otter Tail Electricity $ 871.83

11059 Ziegler Oil Co. Furnace Oil $ 315.65

11060 FSB – VISA Dues/Legals/Supplies $ 363.94

11061 HAV-IT Services March Recycling Pickups $ 62.53

11062 Office of State Tax Comm. Reimbursement in City Tax Overage $ 94,566.56

11063 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 39.18

11064 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 3.270.75

11065 NPRWD Water $ 65.02

11066 Zions Bank Paving Principal & Interest $116,820.70

11067 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

11068 Michael Schmaltz Salary $ 96.97

11069 VOID

11070 Laurel Schnase Mileage to Workshop $ 88.44

11071 CC Steele, LLC Repairs to Sewer Lines $ 53,471.50

11072 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,360.53

11073 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 346.31

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 589.55

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. upon motion by Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved