**5-13-2024**

Mayor Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 13th day of May 2024, at 7:04 pm. All council members were present. Also present was Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 4-8-2024 council meeting were read and approved. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

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

The council reviewed the letter Schnase sent to NPRWD asking for reimbursement for charges directly caused by the water lines. After the review, Theresa Sundsbak, Manager of NPRWD, joined the meeting by phone. Sundsbak acknowledged that the letter detailing the amount requested had been received. Mayor Ewert explained each charge the city incurred to repair the sewer system, lagoon, and two areas of our city streets following consequences with the water lines from October 2022 through July 2023. Sundsbak stated that she agreed with the paving cost. Her offer to the council was that NPRWD would pay for half of the total cost the city incurred. Sundsbak ended her phone call at this time. The council discussed what was offered and made a conclusion. Motion to send NPRWD a new bill for all the paving cost and half of the cost of the remaining repairs. Mertz/Rudnick. AIF

Mayor Ewert asked the council if the landfill needs burning. M.Schmaltz confirmed that it does, and Schnase was asked to apply for an extension to the approved open burn variance.

Moore Engineering emailed the current Engineer’s Report for the council to review. The report stated that the city can use rates or special assessments to pay for the Sewer and Lagoon Rehabilitation Project, however, it must back the project with Special Assessments to cover the USDA Loan. The Anamoose City Council is to select a Special Assessment Committee consisting of 3 members. The report also stated that the USDA Rural Development Funding Application was submitted. The topographic survey is complete, and design for the project can begin in the next couple of months. Motion to accept the Engineer’s Report from Moore Engineering. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF

Schnase shared with the council that letters with information of the next citywide Clean Up Week have been mailed to all residents, including a copy of the city’s nuisance ordinances. Clean Up Week will be May 22 – 29. Excess garbage will be allowed on the regular garbage pickup dates during this time.

Mayor Ewert requested that Schnase write an ordinance on storage containers on personal property for the council to review at the next meeting.

B.Schmaltz asked the council if he could buy the sprayer owned by the city. He has been using the sprayer to spray city lots with his personal 4-wheeler. Motion to sell the sprayer to B.Schmaltz for $980.15 which will be taken in trade for spraying city lots. M.Schmaltz/Rudnick. AIF

Bonnie Helm joined the meeting to inform the council of a program that the Anamoose JDA might be interested in researching. More discussion will be had at the next JDA Board meeting.

The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024.

The following bills were paid in April:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

4/4 First State Bank Annual Insurance $ 2,886.00

4/4 Heringer Lumber Supplies $ 279.99

4/4 Souris Basin Planning Council Dues $ 150.00

4/4 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.81

4/8 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 138.16

4/10 HAV-IT Services March Recycling Pickups $ 62.40

4/16 Doris Holen City Assessor Mileage $ 397.50

4/16 Doris Holen City Assessor Salary $ 1,108.20

4/16 Otter Tail Christmas Lights $ 315.76

4/16 Otter Tail Electricity $ 930.48

4/30 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 2,708.25

4/30 NPRWD Water $ 65.09

4/30 Becker Construction Co. Compost Removal $ 250.00

4/30 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 38.61

4/30 FSB – VISA Supplies $ 279.18

4/30 Ziegler Oil Furnace Fuel for City Shop $ 228.00

4/30 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

4/30 William Vetsch Salary $ 138.52

4/30 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,605.11

4/30 IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 797.81

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:49 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 Minutes were approved