**8-1-2022**

Acting Chairman in Mayor Frank Ewert’s absence, Councilman Mike Rudnick called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 1st day of August 2022, at 7:03 p.m. Brady Schmaltz and Mike Schmaltz were present. Mayor Ewert and Ted Mertz arrived later. Also present were Father Tom Graner, Bill Goodwin, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 7-11-2022 council meeting were read and approved. M.Schmaltz/B.Schmaltz. AIF

Treasurer’s Report for July was submitted and accepted as submitted. B.Schmaltz/M.Schmaltz. AIF

A clean up letter was sent to the property owner at 204 Ave. F West. Schnase was asked to send a 2nd letter directly to the tenant at that address and include the City Ordinances pertaining to Dog Refuse, and Noxious Weeds or Grass.

Father Graner was present to notify the council of a pledge of $5,000.00 he proposed from the Anamoose Senior Center to go towards paying for the removal of dilapidated buildings in town, and for structural support for neighboring buildings. The proposal was passed by the voting committee of the center. He stated that he is excited to see new possibilities in town once they are removed. Schnase was asked to write a letter and send pictures of two of the buildings that are owned by the same entity, notifying them that they could be liable for the conditions of the buildings. Schnase will find out how much these two properties were purchased for and ask what price they would take for resale of the buildings.

Overgrown trees along Highway 52 on the east side of Anamoose were discussed. NDDOT has been to town and inspected the area. They are checking on the right-of -way to see how many of the trees they own and will remove them later this fall.

The council had a 1st reading of an addition to the City of Anamoose Animals and Fowl Ordinance. Schnase will have the addition published in the city’s designated paper. The 2nd reading will be on September 12th during the next city council meeting. This meeting is open to the public. The addition to the ordinance is about the number of fowl allowed, and the farm animals not allowed within the city limits of the City of Anamoose. Motion to make this addition to the Animal and Fowl Ordinance. B.Schmaltz/Rudnick. AIF

Goodwin was present to share his concern of dirt, garbage, leaves, and small trees growing in the southwest side of the culvert by his property. Mayor Ewert asked Rudnick if the Anamoose Fire District could use their hose to blow some of the debris out. Rudnick will talk to Fire Chief Lemer about this issue.

B.Schmaltz shared with the council the price of a sprayer he researched for weed spraying on city owned lots. The council weighed the cost of purchasing a sprayer, vs. hiring an outside agency for spraying. Motion to purchase the weed sprayer for $1,200.00. M.Schmaltz,/Mertz. AIF

Schnase was asked to send a clean up letter to 608 2nd St. West and include the City Ordinance pertaining to Noxious Weeds or Grass. City Hall has received an oral complaint of overgrown weeds and grass on the property.

The council conducted job reviews for several city employees. Schnase has been auditor for close to 3 years. Her last pay increase was at her 6-month review. Motion to increase the hourly rate from $18.00 to $22.00. Mertz/B.Schmaltz. AIF William Vetsch has been the City Maintenance provider for over three years. Motion to increase the hourly rate from $22.00 to $25.00. Rudnick/M.Schmaltz. AIF Motion to increase the hourly rate of snow removal, sweeping, and dump ground maintenance for M.Schmaltz and B.Schmaltz from $25.00 to $30.00. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF Motion to increase the contract rate for Tom Sieg, Maintainer of the Lagoon and Sewer from $3,600.00 to $5,000.00 annually. M.Schmaltz/Mertz. AIF

Father Graner stated that he is interested in working with the company that hosts the Anamoose website, as he noticed that the site has not been updated for some time.

The council completed the 1st reading of the 2023 City of Anamoose Budget. The 2nd and final reading will be on Monday, September 12th , at City Hall at 7:00 pm. Motion to approve the preliminary budget. Rudnick/M.Schmaltz. AIF

The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held Monday, September 12, at **7:00 P.M.**

The following bills were paid in July:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10641 The Arthur Companies Chemical for Weed Spraying $ 52.00

10642 ND One Call June Locates $ 9.10

10643 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 155.76

10644 Heringer Lumber Grass Trimmer Fuel $ 16.98

10645 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.84

10646 Interstate Billing Services Skid Shoe & Mower Servicing $ 748.81

10647 Otter Tail Electricity $ 898.59

10648 FSB – VISA Dues, Supplies, & Street Light $ 517.49

10649 ARIENS Company Mower $ 10,693.80

10650 ND Tax Commissioner 2nd Qtr. Withholding $ 43.00

10651 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 1,558.75

10652 Midwest Graphics & Signs Stop & Yield Signs $ 630.00

10653 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 347.21

10654 NPRWD Water $ 65.00

EFT ND Job Service Unemployment Insurance - 2nd Qtr. $ 1,093.35

10655 NDLC Annual Dues $ 465.00

10656 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 38.62

10657 William Vetsch Salary $ 680.62

10658 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

10659 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,059.51

10660 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 646.45

10661 Michael Schmaltz Salary $ 57.71

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 807.41

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. upon motion by Mertz/Rudnick. AIF

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City Auditor Signature Date

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved