**1-13-2025**

Mayor Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 13th day of January 2025, at 6:58 pm. All council members were present. Also present were Jesse Berg, Engineer with Moore Engineering, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 12-9-2024 council meeting were read and approved. M.Schmaltz/ Mertz. AIF

Treasurer’s Report for December was submitted and accepted as submitted. B.Schmaltz/Lund. AIF

Berg was present to inform the council that the application for a grant has been submitted. Funding for the Anamoose Sewer and Lagoon Rehabilitation Project is now contingent on the Letter of Conditions. This is a letter from the USDA-RD to the city providing a conditional commitment to make a loan to the city for eligible costs and expenses of a project. This letter will also include the percentage of the project that was granted to the city. The amount the city is requesting is 45% of the project cost. Once the letter is received, the bidding process for the project can begin. USDA requires that the city use loan dollars first and then grant dollars when paying contractors. It is possible that only one project, either the sewer or the lagoon, will be completed in 2025 with the other in 2026. Berg stated that at the Public Information Meeting in 2024, the majority of those attending preferred paying for the project through an increase in monthly sewer user rate. In doing so, the city will be required to set up a special assessment backed revenue bond. This assessment will not be certified with McHenry County. Another Public Information Meeting will be held soon to explain what this means to the residents. Berg reviewed the invoice City Hall received from Moore Engineering for their services thus far for this project including the preliminary design, topographic survey, and funding assistance. Motion to approve the engineering invoice for $49,478.18. Mertz/B.Schmaltz. AIF

Schnase shared with the council information she received from Jerad Hanson, President of the First State Bank of Harvey and Anamoose. The 10 city owned CDs would receive a higher interest rate if they were combined into groups of different terms. In addition, the required savings in the Paving Fund could also be reinvested into a higher interest-bearing CD. Motion to allow Schnase to work with Hanson to reinvest the 10 CDs and the Paving Fund savings account. M.Schmaltz/Lund. AIF

The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held on Monday, February 10th at 7:00 PM.

The following bills were paid in December:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

11251 NDTC Internet, Fax, & Surveillance Camera $ 138.02

11252 ND One Call, Inc. November Locates $ 1.50

11253 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 98.56

11254 Void

11255 Kotaco Fuel & Propane Propane for City Shop $ 148.70

11256 HAV-IT Services November Recycling Pick Ups $ 73.00

11257 Otter Tail Electricity $ 798.28

11258 FSB – VISA Supplies $ 70.86

11259 AT&T Cell Phone for City Auditor $ 38.63

11260 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 1,972.50

11261 Tom Sieg Annual Payroll $ 5,000.00

11262 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

11263 Michael Schmaltz Salary $ 332.46

11264 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 429.43

11265 Laurel Schnase (Vacation) Salary $ 406.34

11266 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 1,989.14

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 595.53

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. upon motion by B.Schmaltz/Mertz. AIF

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City Auditor Signature Date

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved