**12-11-2023**

Mayor Frank Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 11th day of December 2023, at 7:03 pm. All members were present. Also present were Jesse Berg, Project Manager with Moore Engineering, Tom Sieg, Maintainer of the Anamoose Lagoon & Sewer, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 11-13-2023 council meeting were read and approved. B.Schmaltz/Rudnick. AIF

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

Rudnick stated that the ice-skating rink will be filled when it is cold enough. The lights and heater in the warming house are working. The local school will be notified when the rink is ready for kids to use during the holiday break.

Doug Rademacher reached out to City Hall, a second time, about having a Christmas decoration placed on the streetlight on his street. Rudnick stated that Otter Tail would need to add conduit and an outlet on the pole for this to happen. The council decided that this would have to wait until next year.

The council shared complaints from residents that a business sign placed on Main Street by the park is blocking visibility. Schnase was asked to write to the business owner asking her to move the sign, possibly further into park property to the east.

Berg presented the council with the completed Preliminary Engineering Report of the Anamoose sewer system. Moore Engineering has been working with the City of Anamoose to obtain a Search Grant through ND Rural Development. The grant once received will reimburse the city the amount paid to Moore Engineering for their study of our sewer system. In his report, Berg showed the council their compilation of three options: one would be to do nothing, two would be a Replacement Project, and three would be a Rehabilitation Project. Berg also shared their compilation of a Sanitary Lagoon Improvement Project. He explained the cost savings of doing both projects at the same time. If the council votes to go ahead with any of the projects, the construction year would be 2025. He recommended that the council decide by February 2024, as Berg will need to know what parts of this proposal the city is considering. Funding opportunities would be based on the size and cost of the project. Berg left at this time. The council then discussed current concerns in the sewer system report where there are 2 or 3 areas the city would like fixed before 2025. Motion to fix the 2 or 3 areas of the sewer system. Rudnick/ M.Schmaltz. AIF Sieg will contact CC Steel and inform the council when the project can be completed. Schnase was asked to notify Berg of the council’s decision not to wait until 2025 for these few repairs. Schnase stated that the final bill from Moore Engineering for the sewer study has been received by City Hall. Motion to pay $14,470.00 to Moore Engineering. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF

Norma Martin has donated $2,500.00 to the City of Anamoose and asked that the funds be used as the Mayor and Council see fit. The council acknowledged her generous donation, and a decision was made to deposit it into the Streets and Highway fund.

The council had a final review of the 2024 calendar. Motion to approve the 2024 Anamoose City Council Meeting calendar. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF

The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held on Monday, January 8th at **7:00 P.M.**

The following bills were paid in November:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10972 HAV-IT Services October Pickups $ 43.70

10973 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.99

10974 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 156.02

10975 ND Once Call October Locates $ 9.10

10976 Main Auto Battery for Skid Steer $ 199.95

10977 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 441.36

10978 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 2,559.75

10979 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 38.62

10980 Moore Engineering Engineer Study & Report $14,470.00

10981 Keller Plumbing & Heating Oil for City Shop $ 60.00

10982 Otter Tail Electricity $ 762.32

10983 Interstate Billing Services Skid Shoes for Pay Loader $ 964.60

10984 NPRWD Water $ 65.02

10985 ND One Call September Locates $ 1.30

10986 Sundre Sand & Gravel Salt Sand for Streets $ 974.46

10987 FSB – VISA Utilities, Supplies, & Gas for Mowing $ 267.19

10988 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

10989 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 27.70

10990 Michael Schmaltz Salary $ 83.11

10991 William Vetsch Salary $ 150.06

10992 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,184.98

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 535.55

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m. upon motion by Mertz/B.Schmaltz. AIF

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City Auditor Signature Date

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved