**4-10-2023**

Mayor Frank Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 10th day of April 2023, at 7:08 p.m. Mike Schmaltz, Ted Mertz, and Brady Schmaltz were present. Mike Rudnick was absent. Also present was Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 3-13-2023 council meeting were read and approved. Mertz/B.Schmaltz. AIF

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

The city has completed the necessary requirements of the Search Grant for the Anamoose Sewer Improvement Project, and the application has been approved. Rural Development informed City Hall that it may take a while before an official announcement will be received and the funds allocated. Moore Engineering stated that the televising of the sewer lines is slated to begin in May.

A Main Street owner of 2 dilapidated buildings has shown interest in selling. Before the council will consider purchasing, RV Enterprises has been asked to provide information on what steps need to be followed with disposal and an estimate of the cost of demolition.

Clean up week for the City of Anamoose is set for May 25– June 1. Circle Sanitation will allow for excess garbage to be picked up during this time and will provide a roll-off dumpster for large items north of City Hall off 2nd St. West. A trailer for scrap iron will be placed adjacent to the dumpster. Schnase will be sending out letters to all residents notifying them of the dates and include a list of allowable items that can be placed outside their residence for pick up.

The owner of a property that received a Clean Up Letter has contacted City Hall and stated that he will begin the process of cleaning up his property when the snow melts.

Bechtold Paving will begin the paving project on H Avenue West when they are in the area. The company reaffirmed that the estimate received in 2022 is still good for 2023.

Main Street Flowers for 2023 were discussed. Schmaltz’s Greenhouse has received an order for large pots and hanging baskets to be placed along the street. The city received a grant of $600.00 from the Anamoose Area Community Foundation, which will go towards the cost of this project.

The council discussed paying Michael Schmaltz Jr. for helping with snow removal in March. The council agreed that he will be paid $30.00 per hour for 8 hours.

Schnase informed the council that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has recently announced the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. This revision is designed to support the development of actions to reduce lead in drinking water. Schnase contacted the ND Department of Environmental Quality, and they stated that the purpose of the federally mandated inventory is to identify and replace all lead pipes in communities across the nation. North Prairie Rural Water District will soon be conducting an inventory of all water lines coming into properties from the meter pit to the meter or shutoff in Anamoose.

Mayor Ewert suspended the council meeting at 7:51 pm, and called the Annual Tax Equalization meeting to order. Doris Holen, Anamoose Tax Assessor, joined the meeting at this time. Holen stated that there were 9 Homestead Credit and zero Veteran Credit applications submitted to McHenry County. Also, there were 2 residential properties that received property tax increases, and 1 residential property that received property tax decrease. Motion to approve the 9 Homestead Credit applications, and the changes to true and full values of 3 residential properties. M.Schmaltz/B.Schmaltz. AIF Holen informed the council that she has completed her recertification again, and will continue to be the Anamoose City Assessor next year. Motion to adjourn the Annual Tax Equalization meeting. B.Schmaltz/Mertz. AIF

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

The following bills were paid in March:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10799 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.80

10800 Otter Tail Electricity for Christmas Lights $ 173.08

10801 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 115.28

10802 NPRWD Water $ 65.00

10803 Laurel Schnase (Vacation Pay) Salary $ 406.34

10804 NPRWD Water $ 65.01

10805 AMKO Bond Services Annual Paving Principal and Interest $ 119,846.70

10806 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 38.61

10807 FSB Insurance Agency Insurance $ 3,043.00

10808 Ziegler Oil Company Furnace Oil $ 445.50

10809 HAV-IT Services March Pickups $ 87.84

10810 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 316.51

10811 FSB – VISA Street Lights and Supplies $ 2,640.55

10812 Otter Tail Electricity $ 887.24

10813 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 4,168.25

10814 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

10815 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 969.67

10816 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,406.50

10817 Michael Schmaltz Salary $ 249.34

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 820.17

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

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City Auditor Signature Date

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved