**5-8-2023**

Mayor Frank Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 8th day of May 2023, at 7:10 pm. All council members were present. Also present were Butch Ehrman, JoEllen Ehrman, Ralph Volson, Spencer Braatz, Tom Sieg, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 4-10-2023 council meeting and the 4-12-2023 special council meeting were read and approved. B.Schmaltz/Rudnick. AIF

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

Sieg was present to inform the council of the work being done on the lagoon and sewer. A pump rented through D.L. Barkie was brought in to pump water out of the main cell of the lagoon into the secondaries, as the main cell was filling fast. Sieg has been working with NPRWD to determine where excess water is coming from that is emptying into our sewers, which is quite a bit more than the city’s average daily usage along with ground water. He also reported that he was called about a plugged sewer on Main Street between Heringer Lumber and First State Bank, which he was able to flush and get open again. Schnase was asked to include in the Clean Up Week letter going out to all Anamoose residents, a list of items that cannot be put into our sewer system. Items such as grease, food, baby/disposable wipes, and feminine hygiene products must be placed in a trash can, as an increasing amount of these items that are not biodegradable are showing up in the last manhole before the lagoon. Lastly, Sieg presented to the council a used metal locator that Rural Water has for sale which would be helpful in detecting sewer lines in the city. Motion to purchase the metal locator from Rural Water for $100.00. Mertz/Rudnick. AIF

Volson, owner of RV Enterprises, was present to discuss the cost and procedure of demolishing 2 dilapidated buildings on Main Street. He informed the council that he is a certified and licensed asbestos abatement contractor. Both buildings are believed to contain asbestos. The cost will be determined by where the buildings will be hauled to, and where the clay or gravel for backfilling will come from. Schnase will contact First District Health to see who pays for the cost of removal if these buildings are condemned. More discussion on this topic will take place at the June council meeting.

The Ehrmans were present to ask questions about a city owned lot they are interested in purchasing that is adjacent to their property. The council will discuss this further at the June meeting, after Schnase has time to research what process the city would need to follow. A notice for bids on the parcel may need to be published in our local paper.

Schnase informed the council that Boger & Son will be filling the cracks in our city streets later this week if the weather permits.

The council discussed hiring a person to mow grass and trim trees on city owned lots, along with other city maintenance duties. An ad will be placed in the Mouse River Journal for this position. Billy Vetsch has notified the council that he would like to step down from some of his duties as the Anamoose Maintenance Worker.

With the cost of chemical and fuel rising, the council discussed raising the rate that is being charged to the City of Martin for mosquito spraying. Motion to raise the rate from $150.00 per application to $250.00 per application. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF Schnase will write a letter to Martin City Council to notify them of this change.

A building permit has been received by City Hall. Linda Uhlich would like to have a fence built on her property. Motion to conditionally approve the building permit based on the fence placed no less than 5 feet from the property line to the west, and 15 feet from the property line to the east. Rudnick/M.Schmaltz. AIF

A member of the Anamoose Housing Authority contacted a council member and asked if the council still approved of them planting trees on the city owned lot to the west of the housing. Schnase was asked to correspond with them that the tree planting project was voted on and approved at the June 2022 council meeting.

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

The following bills were paid in April:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10818 ND State Tax Commissioner 1st Qtr. Withholding $ 40.00

10819 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.42

10820 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 160.60

10821 Michael Schmaltz Jr. Labor – Snow Removal $ 240.00

10822 Kotaco Fuel & Propane Propane for City Shop $ 450.36

10823 Otter Tail Electricity $ 934.66

10824 VESERIS Chemical for Mosquito Spraying $ 4,290.00

10825 FSB – VISA Supplies $ 228.37

10826 Doris Holen City Assessor Mileage $ 218.75

10827 Doris Holen City Assessor Salary $ 1,101.20

10828 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 692.62

10829 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 2,591.75

10830 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

10831 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,147.81

10832 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 39.16

10833 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 303.11

10834 Office of the State Auditor Audit Review $ 1,450.00

10835 Anamoose Township Reimb. ½ Payment to RV Ent. for St. Repair $ 400.00

10836 AMKO Bond Service Annual Paying Agent Fee $ 400.00

10837 HAV-IT Services Recycling Pickups $ 173.92

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 768.51

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

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Mayor Signature Date the Minutes were approved