**9-12-2022**

Mayor Frank Ewert called the regular meeting of the Anamoose City Council to order this 12th day of September 2022, at 7:02 p.m. All council members were present. Also present were Father Tom Graner, Calvin Helm, Mardelle Helm, Butch Ehrman, JoEllen Ehrman, and Laurel Schnase, City Auditor.

Minutes of the 8-1-2022 council meeting were read and approved with an address correction of a cleanup letter. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

Treasurer’s Report for August was submitted and accepted as submitted. M.Schmaltz/Mertz. AIF

The resident at 204 Ave. F West contacted City Hall after receiving a cleanup letter and stated that he is working on correcting the violations to the Anamoose City Ordinances pertaining to Dog Refuse and Noxious Weeds or Grass.

Father Graner was present to ask the council if First District Health has been to Anamoose to complete the inspection of two dilapidated buildings on Main Street. Schnase has been in contact with FDH, and they have not been to Anamoose yet. The buildings will need to be condemned by FDH before the city has the right to start demolition process. A certified letter and pictures were mailed to the owner of the buildings notifying them that they could be liable for removal, but there has been no response yet.

The Ehrmans were present to ask the council what they know about the person purchasing the land parcel next to their property. Schnase stated that she has been in contact with this person and has sent an email including several Anamoose City Ordinances and paving assessment information. The person buying the parcel stated that they did not know if they will move on to the property.

The council waited to have the 2nd reading of the addition to the City Animal Ordinance, as some questions and concerns had come up. JoEllen Ehrman asked the council if the wording could be changed, and the council decided to add the word ‘combined’ when referring to the number of fowl allowed within city limits. The Helms were present to question whether their property on the west side of town will continue to be zoned agricultural. They have horses and cows on their 25-acre property within city limits and had concerns about how the addition to the ordinance may affect them. Mayor Ewert asked Schnase to research minutes from the early 1980’s to determine how the zoning of the Helm property was made. There will be a 2nd reading when more is found out about zoning and when the wording has been changed. Motion to table the 2nd reading of the addition to the City Animal Ordinance. Rudnick/Mertz. AIF

The council discussed the condition of the dump ground. M.Schmaltz said there is room in the current pit to be able to push up debris for a while. The council decided to have City Hall be the only contact for residents to pick up a key for the dump ground. Heringer Lumber will no longer be a location to pick up a key. Residents will need to call ahead and meet at City Hall to sign a checkout form stating what and how much they are bringing to the dump and pick up a key. Dumping fee will be determined on the amount of the load. A sign will be ordered and placed near the entrance of the dump ground providing the phone number to call and other information.

The culvert southwest of Bill Goodwin’s property was discussed. The council agreed that the use of a backhoe will be needed to clean out vegetation and debris around the culvert. Motion to hire TM Construction, Inc. to clean out the culvert area. Rudnick/M.Schmaltz. AIF

The council had the 2nd and final reading of the 2023 Anamoose City Budget. Motion to approve and finalize. Rudnick/B.Schmaltz. AIF

B.Schmaltz told the council that the sprayer for weeds that was ordered was not as big as needed. He will return it and order a larger one.

Schnase updated the council on the work that is being done on the Search Grant for the Anamoose Sewer Project. AJ with Moore Engineering met with Tom Sieg to get an estimate of our sewer system’s linear feet and will solicit quotes from area companies for jetting and televising.

M.Schmaltz presented to the council information on Community Forestry Grants. There are two that Anamoose may be qualified for, and Schnase will work with the area program manager to apply for one of the grants. More discussion will be held at the October council meeting. Deadline to apply is October 31, 2022.

The next meeting for the Anamoose City Council will be held Monday, October 10th at **7:00 P.M.**

The following bills were paid in August:

**CK# NAME DESCRIPTION AMOUNT**

10662 Dept. of Environ. Quality Sewer Testing $ 174.78

10663 NDTC Internet & Fax for City Hall $ 90.84

10664 ND One Call July Locates $ 2.60

10665 Heringer Lumber Supplies $ 30.82

10666 Mouse River Journal Publications $ 110.88

10667 Otter Tail Electricity $ 849.37

10668 Circle Sanitation Garbage $ 2,634.25

10669 FSB – VISA Street Lights & Mower Gas $ 906.22

10670 HAV-IT Services Recycle Pickups – July $ 61.96

10671 Laurel Schnase (Vacation Pay) Salary $ 406.34

10672 Anamoose Park Share of State Aid $ 324.17

10673 AT&T City Auditor Phone $ 38.62

10674 NPRWD Water $ 65.57

10675 Frank Ewert Salary $ 92.35

10676 William Vetsch Salary $ 611.81

10677 Laurel Schnase (Wages & Ins.) Salary $ 2,560.61

10678 Brady Schmaltz Salary $ 711.09

10679 Brady Schmaltz Reimbursement for Gas $ 50.79

EFT IRS – City Monthly Withholding $ 1,033.59

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:50 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