

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
 Regular Meeting of the Harwood City Council
 Monday, April 7, 2008

Mayor Rohrich called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present for roll call was council members Lori Peyerl, Jim Gadberry, Mark Riley and Dennis Domier. Also present were Marge Fee, Ted Veen, Gerry Gwost, Chris Fix, PWS Bernie Stasch, Attorney John Shockley and Auditor Sherry Morris.

It was moved by Riley and seconded by Gadberry to approve the April agenda.

Peyerl made the motion with second by Domier to approve the consent agenda:

1. Approve reading of March 3, 2008 meeting minutes.
2. Approve the March financial report.
3. Approve April invoices, debits & check #12996-13035 totaling \$125,732.63.

Payee	Amount	Voided	\$0
Cenex	\$252.62	Hawkin's	\$10
Farm & Home Publicat	\$37	Praxair	\$8.30
Hwd Comm Cntr	\$550	Waste Mgmt	\$2693.84
Houston Engineering	\$12173.42	Webzervice	\$24.95
Johnson, Rodenburg	\$280	Ellendale; City of	\$30
Mac's	\$24.74	Informational Tec Dept	\$30.75
Moorhead Electric	\$6267.18	John Deere Credit	\$736.79
Void	\$0	Qwest	\$286.06
NDPERS	\$768.47	Office Max	\$73.98
ND Sewage & Pump	\$440.50	West Fargo Pioneer	\$64.74
Ohnstad-Twicheil, PC	\$351.50	City of Fargo	\$14
Purchase Power	\$129.46	Morris, Sherry	\$158.88
Rearдон's	\$194.97	BC/BS	\$181.20
Rural Cellular	\$120.83	NDPERS	\$550.60
Starion Bond Services	\$88825.25	Sundot Communications	\$21.90
Nodak	\$257.87	Cass County Electric	\$2459
Radisson Hotel	\$110	Federal Reserve	\$1636.27
NDLC	\$65	Pitney Bowes	\$29.99
Waste Mgmt	\$1307.80		

It was moved by Gadberry and seconded by Peyerl to approve Metzger Bldg Permit #545 to finish bedroom/family room and Fischer Permit #546 for an attached garage.

Deputy Chris Fix presented the law enforcement report and associated service calls for Harwood. He confirmed that ATV/snowmobile operators on railroad land can be ticketed by the County and charged with trespassing and other violations. Should a witness to a violation be other than law enforcement they must be willing to sign a complaint.

Advisory Committee Chair Marge Fee approached the council to further review matters discussed at the Advisory meetings. Marge spoke at length with BNR on various matters. In regard to train whistles it is a federal regulation horns must be blown 1/8 mile from every

crossing and there was no way to get this changed. Discussions also included the trains blocking the tracks for rescue vehicles being not acceptable to the city and it was said BNRR will look into the matter. Marge will also be attending the next Park Board meeting. The committee also discussed annexation and growth to the west, the city's tax base, and school enrollment numbers. Committee member Garry Roth's residential and commercial land development survey from surrounding communities was also presented and discussed.

Approve Chuck to ADA Accessibility Conference taking place on May 22, 2008 at UND.

Further discussions with Attorney Shockley on working toward developing a TIF. The city would not finance projects; implementation would be handled by the County and would temporarily assist in overall tax consequences for property improvements to land that may otherwise be too expensive to develop. He has been working with Ellingson's on their land development plans. A public hearing will be scheduled this summer.

It was moved by Gadberry and seconded by Peyerl to authorize the city attorney and auditor to begin preparing draft documents to grant a TIF to Ellingson Drainage. Mr. Shockley suggested a fair administrative fee on the TIF would be around \$5-6,000/yr.

It was moved by Peyerl and seconded by Riley to approve for signature the Resolution to establish a Christmas Fund policy beginning 1/1/2008. Employees may, in writing, request a designated amount withheld from paychecks to be paid out November 30th of each year.

Reviewed Fargo's draft proposal for sewer service. Mr. Shockley called the council's attention to the language regarding industrial users, obligating us to Fargo's ordinances on sump pumps, and the need for right-of-way easements. He advised the contract more specifically identify the location of connections to avoid future misunderstandings. The proposal sets the rate for 20 years. Within the next week or so Fargo will be providing Harwood with a revised proposal. The Dept of Health would like to see Fargo a regional discharge facility to combine the sewage treatment of surrounding smaller communities. Preliminary cost estimates were compared with what would be special assessments to add an additional lagoon cell. A public hearing will soon be scheduled to review with residents the sewage expansion options Harwood is considering. Ted Veen and Jerry Gwost approached the council on behalf of Lake Shure and will be kept abreast of decisions made that would affect their community.

It was moved by Peyerl and seconded by Gadberry to approve Site Authorization #5 for William Lane, owner of TI Firworks, to conduct the sale of fireworks June 26 – July 5th at the Cenex station.

Replacing members on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Advisory Committee was tabled to the May meeting.

Correspondence reviewed included e-mail from Doug Warnecke re Raymond Twp Drain 67; memo on April workforce congress mtg; memo from county on filing deadline; Cass County spring load restrictions info; NDIRF memo re conferment of benefits; County/Hwd approved remote access agreement; Dept of Hlth 3-9 memo; NDIRF meeting notice; BC/BS March

newsletter; COG agenda memos; Cass Public Hlth '07 annual report; Wst Fgo March newsletter; notice on government week.

Bernie reported the city will need to replace a lift station pump; both are 23-24 years old. It was moved by Riley and second by Gadberry to purchase a sewer replacement pump. It was said should something happen to the remaining pump the city needs the backup.

Sherry reported we are still waiting for the tornado siren to be synchronized. She reminded the council of the meeting procedure workshop scheduled for April 21st at 7:00 p.m.

With no more business to come before the Council, it was moved by Peyerl with second by Riley to adjourn the meeting until Monday, May 5, 2008 @ 6:00 p.m. for the next regular council meeting, immediately following the Board of Equalization Hearing.

Bill Rohrich, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry Morris, City Auditor

