

## City Commission Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2020

City Hall 7:00pm

City Commissioners present were Gloria Pederson, Joseph Robinson, Gary Griffin, and Darwin Opp. Commissioner Mark Long was absent. City Maintenance, Scott Schiermeister and City Auditor, Terry Macdonald, were present.

Gary Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Visitors present were Charlotte Abrams, Josh and Renee Mallard, Tony Nagel, Dean Weiss and Damian Wright. Charlotte Abrams approached the board about purchasing 611 Western Avenue. She intends to move a travel trailer or a mobile home to the lot. She plans to also put a garden in at that location. The board had concerns with a travel trailer because of the ND winters. They advised her that a travel trailer would need some extra steps every winter to prevent frozen pipes and issues with the water. They also let her know of the requirements for moving a mobile home into town. Charlotte says she is leaning more towards the travel trailer and will keep the boards recommendations in mind. Charlotte made an offer of \$1,000 for the location. The board mentioned they would typically ask \$1,500 per lot, but since they know there is much work to be done to this lot, they would be willing to negotiate a little bit. Charlotte will take all the information under consideration and come to the next commissioner meeting to finalize with the board.

Josh and Renee Mallard, on behalf of HMB School, attended the meeting to discuss their garbage services and the associated charges. They requested to be reimbursed for the 11 months since their dumpsters were changed out. Tony Nagel, owner of Trash, Inc., said he would be willing to reimburse the school for a portion of those charges. Josh and Renee agreed to the offer.

Motion made by Joseph to approve the April 6, 2020 meeting minutes and was seconded by Gloria. All Ayes.

Motion made by Darwin to approve the treasurers report and was seconded by Joseph. All Ayes.

Discussion held on late accounts. May 21 is the shutoff date. The board wants me to change the amount to be paid when I send notices out. Once a resident becomes delinquent, they must pay the entire amount due to prevent shutoff, not just the past due balance.

Building permit submitted by Brian Wald, Jennifer Roehrich and Dean Weiss. Motion to approve the permits made by Gary and seconded by Gloria. All Ayes.

Gallons pumped: 401,628 Gallons sold: 340,507 Difference: -61,121 %: -15.22

**Preapproved bills: Bank of Hazelton \$1997.83, Bek \$18.14, DFC \$275.36, ECR \$331.48, Hazelton**

**Park \$67.30, MDU \$1612.56, ND Health \$16.00, Trash Inc. \$2825.00, Visa \$410.01**

**April bills: Beastrom \$52.45, Dept of Environmental Quality \$26.48, Emmons County Auditor \$148.66, Emmons County Tax Director \$231.00, Fred Pryor Seminars \$199.00, Hawkins \$746.70, Magrum Excavating \$500.00, Normont Equipment Co \$2551.50, ND League of Cities \$30.00, ND One Call \$22.40, PAYROLL: \$4157.79**

Joseph motioned to approve the bill and was seconded by Gloria. All Ayes.

City Maintenance report: Motion made by Darwin to purchase brushes for the street cleaner and was seconded by Gary Griffin. All Ayes. Scott will be ordering more emulsion to finish up the streets.

Water report: Darwin updated that the pumps are all up and running again.

### Old Business:

- A. Water issues on the two Center St locations were discussed. The board feels that the slope in the road is a natural one and at this time the city has no plans to fix.
- B. Final reading of Ordinance NO. 20-03-01. Motion made by Gloria to approve the ordinance with the change of wording to state "no parking on" for section 4 and was seconded by Joseph. All Ayes. The board decided to have Joseph Hanson send Cody Beaver a Notice before litigation and Joseph Hanson should follow up with a summons and complaint if compliance not done. Resolution 03-01-2020 presented to the board. Motion made by Joseph to approve the resolution and was seconded by Darwin. All Ayes. Roll count was Ayes: Gloria Pederson, Joseph Robinson, Gary Griffin and Darwin Opp. Absent: Mark Long.

### New Business:

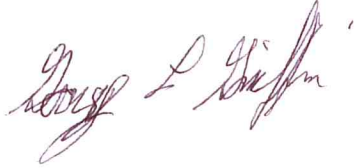
1. Bid on Western & Harold corner lot. See visitor section for notes.

2. HMB School utility bill for garbage services. See visitor section for notes.
3. Collections on Mark Payne for tax property owed. The collections company turned the collection back over to the City Of Hazelton. They stated that Mark Payne has nothing for them to go after to get retribution.
4. EDDM mailings. Terry would like to start sending out these to the City Of Hazelton residents in the hopes to get the information to everyone in the same manner. Motion made by Gloria to approve the expenditure for these mailings and was seconded by Joseph.

Motion made by Joseph to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm and was seconded by Darwin. All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned until next meeting on June 1, 2020 @ 7:00 pm at the City Hall.

Terry Macdonald  
Hazelton City Auditor

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Joseph L. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".