

**CITY OF BOTTINEAU
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2024
CITY ARMORY-7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Schoenborn, Auditor Nostdahl, Superintendent Schwalbe, Attorney Benson & Council Members: Freeman, Mortensen (via phone), Langhaug, Stewart, Lauckner & Getzlaff.

ABSENT: Council Members Marsden & Seykora.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Schoenborn.

CONSENT AGENDA: A site permit for DCB Logrollers was verbally added to the consent agenda. Freeman moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Getzlaff, carried.

BILLS: Freeman reviewed the bills & Stewart moved to approve/pay the list of bills seconded by Lauckner. On roll call all voted yes, carried. Freeman is requesting we purchase a new copier for the office at a cost of \$10,298.00 payable out of the General Fund. Getzlaff moved to approve the new copier, seconded by Freeman. On roll call all voted yes, carried. We have roofers coming this summer to repair the Armory roof over the upstairs mtg. room, but when they arrive we will be having them look at the roof over the East Room & obtain a cost for that too.

POLICE REPORT: Deputy Miranda was present. The Sheriff's Office has been having multiple dog issues. They try to find the owners, but it would be nice to have a place to board them. Schoenborn would like to have a Police Committee Meeting about this subject. The Sheriff's Office also spends a lot of time at Wal-Mart with thefts. They have been working on moving vehicles off the streets that have exceeded the parking time limit.

WOLD ENGINEERING: Our list of bills contains work from Kemper Construction on last year's water line project. There should be one more billing from them in July. The 2024 Street Project will be starting the end of June. We will need to have a pre-construction meeting prior.

TRUCK BID: (Tri-Axle Roll Off) We received 2 bids from Peterbuilt & 2 bids from Westlie's Truck Center, with variations in transmissions. We have received a clean diesel grant for 25% of the cost. Schwalbe would prefer an automatic transmission, therefore Stewart moved to approve the bid of \$278,784.00 from Westlie's, seconded by Freeman. On roll call all voted yes, carried. This truck has to be ordered & may take up to 1 year to receive.

OTTER TAIL POWER: The County has approved a revocation on the land by Otter Tail Power that we are selling them. Have not heard back from OTP on title, etc.

LIQUOR/BEER LICENSE: Getzlaff moved to approve the list of Liquor/Beer Licenses as presented, seconded by Stewart, carried. (Freeman abstained)

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS:

CITY SUPERINTENDENT:

The lead/copper water line inventory was submitted to the State & it was accepted. It is not necessarily complete, but we can only make changes once per year. Schwalbe is looking at a crawler/loader at ND Surplus Property for \$2500.00, however it needs a new engine & the cab will have to be taken off & returned. Shipping would be extra. Our current one needs \$50,000.00 in repairs. If it doesn't work, we can get our \$ back in scrap salvage. Getzlaff moved to approve this purchase using the Equipment Fund, seconded by Lauckner. On roll call all voted yes, carried.

CHAMBER/EDC REPORT:

Gonitzke presented a gateway loan request. Jessie & Cody Motl to purchase the former Cenex building for an auto repair shop/tire sales, etc. The request is for \$70,000.00 – 3% - 15 year loan. Freeman moved to approve this request, contingent upon the approval of their other funding,

seconded by Lauckner. On roll call all voted yes with the exception of Langhaug & Getzlaff voting no. Motion passed 3-2. Mortensen had gotten disconnected from the conference call.

POLICE COMMITTEE:

No report.

CITY PROPERTY:

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

No protest were filed for: Julia Mehlhoff – rezone from “R-2” to a “B-2” conditional zoning for an Airbnb at the following addresses – 316 6th St W & 322 6th St W. Getzlaff moved to approve the rezone request for Mehlhoff, seconded by Freeman, carried. The following requests for rezoning have been made:

Myron Langhaug for 117 5th St. E. from “B-2” to “M” to bring into compliance for storage, body shop work, etc. Freeman moved to advertise & hold a protest hearing on July 1st, seconded by Getzlaff, carried. (Langhaug abstained)

Ryan Lervik (D & B Body Shop) 303 11th St E from “B-2” to “M” to bring his body shop into compliance. Langhaug moved to advertise & hold a protest hearing on July 1st, seconded by Lauckner, carried.

Eric Herbel from “R-4” to “B-2” a portion of the north part of the Preserve Addition for a golf driving range (conditional). Langhaug moved to advertise for bids & hold a protest hearing on July 1st, seconded by Getzlaff, carried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: We have been in contact with 1st District Health regarding the condition of the home at 1020 Ohmer Street. The main issue there is that the garage should be boarded up, but it cannot be condemned at this time, it does not meet the criteria. The owner names on the deed are both deceased, which is a legal issue as well.

We have had complaints on 524/522 2nd Street E belonging to Joe Whetter. The Bottineau County Vets have been helping clean up this property & have hauled out many loads of debris, according to Getzlaff. A complaint has been filed at the Sheriff’s Office by one of the neighbors.

ORDINANCE:

No report.

STREET:

No report.

UTILITY:

Water sample testing fees from the State are increasing by 10%.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE:

No report.

SHADE TREE:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

POOL:

Stewart reported that the pool is full & the water is heating. Should be open in a few days. All lifeguards are certified. A splash pad is going to replace the baby pool, looking at options on how to recirculate the water from it.

POLICE REPORT:

No report.

BEAUTIFICATION:

Will be meeting in June.

EMPLOYEE:

No report.

TRAILS:

No report.

FINANCE:

The state has reviewed the 2022 Audit & they have a few comments that Widmer & Roel are working on.

ARMORY:

No report.

ARENA:

No report.

FIRE HALL:

Mayor Schoenborn reported that the plans are very close to being done, but this project will most likely be done next year.

OTHER: Election is June 11th at the Court House.

Nostdahl brought forth the fact that since Mortenson had been disconnected from the conference calling prior to the vote on the Langhaug rezone & the fact that Langhaug abstained, the vote was not a quorum of the Council. Schoenborn felt he did not have to abstain because this vote was only to allow the request to be published & that we could vote again. Freeman moved to re-vote & allow the Langhaug re-zone request to be published & hold a protest hearing on July 1st, 2024, seconded by Getzlaff, carried. Langhaug calls his business 5th Street Rentals.

Mowing issues were discussed. Let the Office know & individuals can be contacted.

Getzlaff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.,

ATTEST:

Penny J. Nostdahl, City Auditor

Perry Schoenborn, Mayor