

**CITY OF BOTTINEAU
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2024
CITY ARMORY-7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Council Members: Marsden, Freeman, Mortensen, Langhaug, Stewart, Lauckner, Getzlaff & Seykora. City Auditor Nostdahl & Attorney Benson also present.

ABSENT: Mayor Schoenborn.

Meeting called to order by Council President Seykora.

CONSENT AGENDA: Marsden moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Freeman, carried.

BILLS: Marsden reviewed the bills. Freeman moved to approve/pay the list of bills seconded by Getzlaff. On roll call all voted yes, carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Ashley Pedie, City Assessor presented the annual report. Marsden moved to approve the report, seconded by Freeman, carried.

WOLD ENGINEERING: Marsden moved to enter into contract with Mayo Construction for the 2024 Street Project & have it signed by the Mayor, seconded by Stewart. On roll call all voted yes, carried.

OTTER TAIL POWER: Benson reported that he has visited with the State's Attorney & he feels that the commissioners will approve the revocation of restriction on the land that we are selling to Otter Tail Power.

POLICE REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS:

CITY SUPERINTENDENT:

No report.

CHAMBER/EDC REPORT:

No report.

POLICE COMMITTEE:

No report.

CITY PROPERTY:

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Met on 4/15/24, Planning Commission is recommending that we go through the re-zoning process for the following:

Julia Mehlhoff – from “R-2” to a “B-2” conditional zoning for an Airbnb at the following addresses – 316 6th St W & 322 6th St W. Freeman moved to hold a protest hearing on June 3rd for the re-zone request of Julia Mehlhoff, seconded by Getzlaff, carried.

Met on 5/1/24 for a variance for John & Teri Hauge at 113 13th St W. The Planning Commission is recommending to the Council that this variance be approved. The variance is for an accessory building to be on the side yard & also a zoning variance as this building will partially be on the “R-4” area & partially on a “B-2” district. Mortensen moved to approve the Hauge variance, seconded by Langhaug, carried. Hauge is to work with our City Superintendent regarding water/sewer hook-up & curb cutting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

No report.

ORDINANCE:

No report.

STREET:

No report.

UTILITY:

We had a previous meeting about installing lighting by the new football field for safety to spectators crossing Main St. To add 6 additional street lights would cost appx. \$120.00 per month. We can also add 2 flood lights on the poles on the west side of Main St. Freeman moved to add the additional street lights, seconded by Getzlaff. On roll call all voted yes, carried. (Seykora abstained from voting)

MUNICIPAL JUDGE:

No report.

SHADE TREE:

Arbor Day will be May 8th at Forestry Park. We will be planting 10 memorial trees.

HEALTH:

No report.

POOL:

The pool work has started, weather is interfering. All guards have been hired.

POLICE REPORT:

No report.

BEAUTIFICATION:

Met on 4/25/24, we have some follow up work from last year to get completed.

EMPLOYEE:

No report.

TRAILS:

No report.

FINANCE:

No report.

ARMORY:

We had to get a new stove for the kitchen, the top was broken. We are also working on getting the cupboards painted & new countertop/backsplash.

ARENA:

No report.

FIRE HALL:

No report.

OTHER: Getzlaff has visited with Joe Whetter about the condition of his property at 522 2nd Street E. The Bottineau County Vets will be donating their time to help him get this yard cleaned up.

Freeman has attended a few Park District meetings & all conversations regarding a new Arena Facility lead back to financing. The City has been saving money for this project, but it is at a fairly slow pace. This discussion lead to Home Rule & the fact that we can add a 1% Sales Tax as it would have to be a major piece of the puzzle to get anywhere. Should it be brought to the citizens for a vote? Should there at some point be a public input meeting? It also has to be adopted by an ordinance. Freeman will do more research.

Getzlaff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Freeman.

ATTEST:

Penny J. Nostdahl, City Auditor

Perry Schoenborn, Mayor